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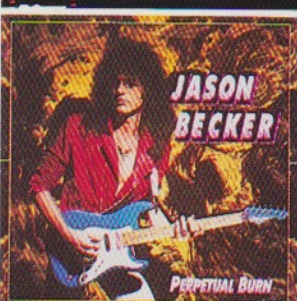
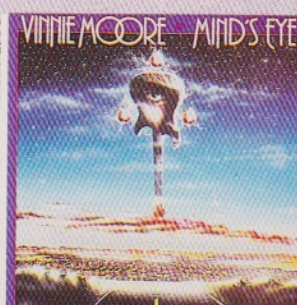
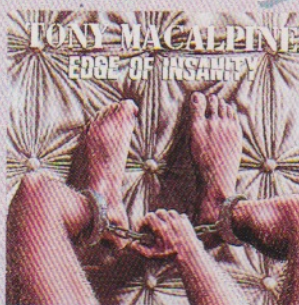
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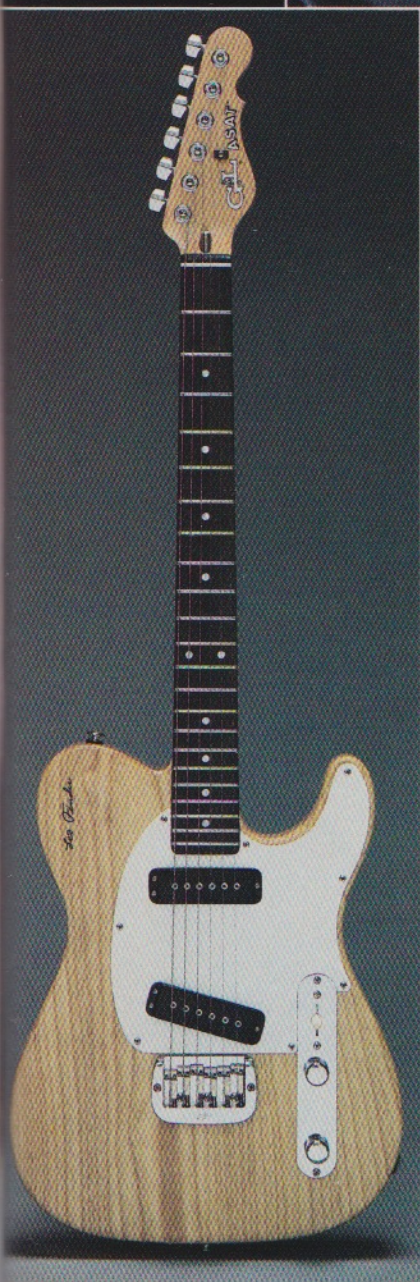
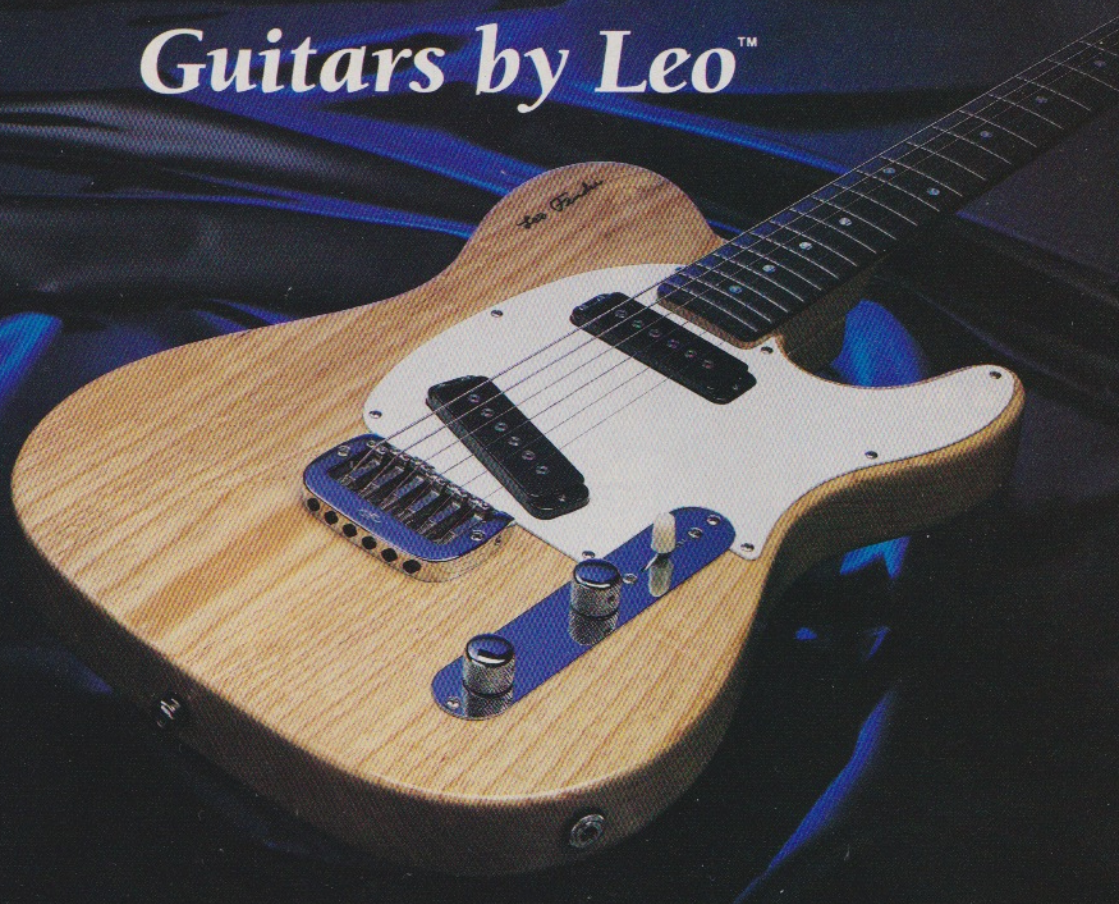
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I always find myself amused by the never-ending controversy over the content of your transcriptions. Perhaps some of these people who are so quick to complain just haven't ever tried to learn how to play a guitar without such superb guidance as can be found between your pages. When I was much less experienced, I used to dream of books which contained the "mystical secrets" of the masters, but always found the available publications were seldom in the correct key, much less brimming

with the fret by fret explanation I really wanted! To all those who criticize your fine magazine, I say count your lucky stars that so much valuable information is available to you for about \$2.00 an issue (by subscription). Once again, thank you for your fine magazine and keep up the good work!

Kevin Michael Gault
San Diego, CA

Dear Sirs,

I'm sitting here in my apartment listening to Husker Du and wondering about

Bob Mould's whereabouts. As I was perusing the September 1988 issue, I came upon a letter that really tells it how it is (or how it should be) for musicians, and lo and behold, it's written by Bob Mould! It is truly fitting that he wrote this letter because Bob has always seemed like a "tell-it-like-it-is-and-cut-out-all-the-bull" person. I don't think progressive/alternative music has been the same since Mould left the scene, and though many groups try to emulate Mould/Husker Du, nothing could ever match that aggressive, angry music. It seems like this is the first thing he has had to say since the breakup last year, and I (and many others, I'm sure) would like to hear more from Bob Mould—be it in the letters section of a magazine, or on a new album. Bob Mould is one of my main musical influences and I truly wish he would get it back together. His music and style would pump some life back into the flat airwaves.

Graham Reynolds
Tuscaloosa, AL

To the Editors,

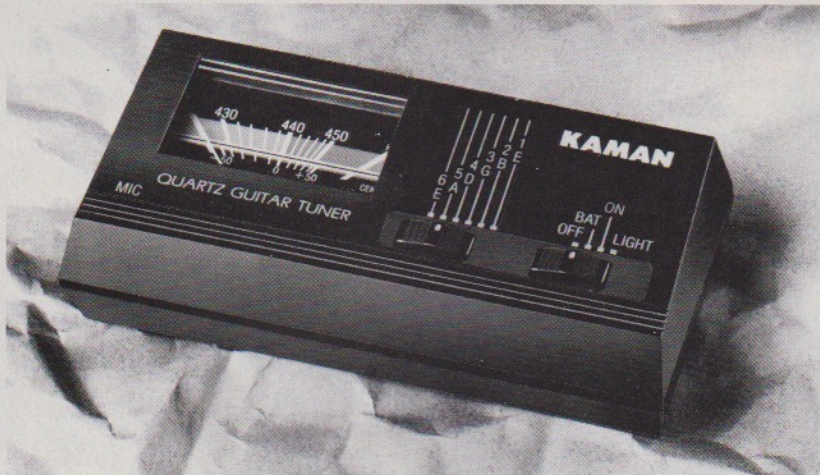
I was reading an article about Guns N' Roses in the February, 1989 issue and was shocked to hear that Guns N' Roses threw me and Rob Gardner out of the band because we were "scared" to go on the road. I am tired of all the untrue magazine articles containing this story and want to set the record straight once and for all. I started Guns N' Roses with Axl Rose. The other original members of the band were Rob Gardner, Olle Biech and Izzy Stradlin. Duff was not even an original member of the band. Rob Gardner quit the band because he had serious family problems. I was never thrown out of Guns N' Roses. The truth is that I quit—because I disagreed with Izzy's lifestyle. I started L.A. Guns, and the rest is history. Me and Axl are still good friends. I like Guns N' Roses' music and wish the guys the best, but I wanted to set the record straight.

Tracii Guns
Los Angeles, CA

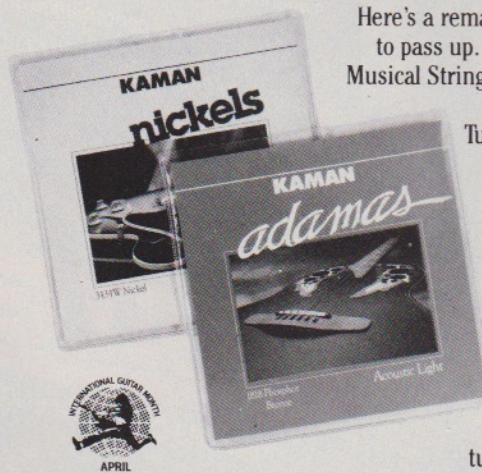
Dear GUITAR,

After reading GUITAR's November issue with the letter from the eight students praising their teacher, I would like to say thanks to all teachers and players alike who share their ideas with others, in particular, one David Ostrovitz. I credit Mr. O, as his students call him, for the success of his high school guitar program, which most bigwigs in the Albuquerque Public School System thought would fail from the start. Mr. O has suc-

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Alex Lawrie

Yokosuka, Japan (stationed overseas in the navy)

Dear GFTPM,

I'd like to thank you guys for the GUITAR Classics Vol. II, not just for reprinting the great transcriptions, but also for

the column by Andy Aledort on the 7 Fundamental Modes. I know you can find the material in music books, but not the way it's presented by Aledort. It's helped me learn how to solo over chords and play chords over solos.

Sixto Fernandez
Brooklyn NY

Dear GUITAR,

We cannot tell you how much we celebrated over Wolf Marshall's Music Appreciation on Eric Johnson. That's right, celebrated. We have been fans of Eric's for two and a half years and have now seen him perform eight times, never missing a show, and always in the front row. We have met him seven times. Eric is the most sincere, expressive, talented and intense musician we have ever met. He has taken time out with us to show us his techniques in detail and talk with us at length about the guitar. Frankly, we had been worried for a long time about Eric's lack of exposure, since, aside from a couple of articles in other guitar publications and Steve Morse's short interview a while back in GFTPM, Eric's talent had gone unnoticed by the general public. Thanks to Wolf's article and the accompanying transcription of "Zap," hopefully Eric's message and overwhelming musicianship will reach a much wider audience.

Eduardo Lorenzana, Cris Clark
Dallas, TX

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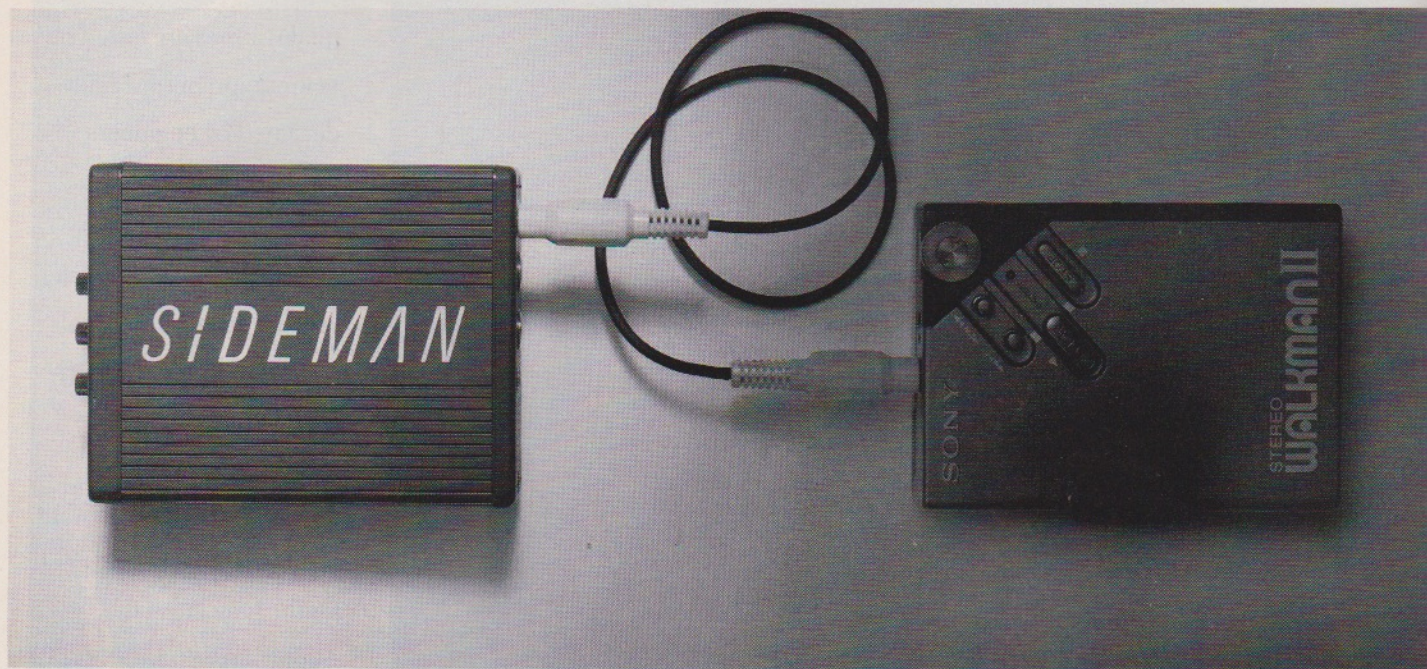
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1. "Egyptian Danza" from *Casino*, by Al DiMeola/Columbia

CHRIS: Al DiMeola's my favorite guitarist. I love the way he mutes in this piece. His picking technique is awesome. Everything he does is to the point where you have to stop and think about it in great detail. The guy is obviously a schooled musician. He took the guitar to another point. I'd never heard anything so fast. The first album I heard was *Tour De Force*, which I loved. Then I got *Elegant Gypsy* and *Land of the Midnight*

Sun, which is my favorite. I love the fire in him. Now I'm a Steve Morse fanatic. Those two guys are solely responsible for me burning.

2. "All the Way" from *Alibi*, by Vandenberg/Atlantic

CHRIS: Bravo! Adrian Vandenberg is the new Michael Schenker. The guy is incredible. He's got that melody. He has a lot of feeling. The first time I heard him I knew he was from Europe. It was the song "Burning Heart" and the solo had

so much taste. He captured me. It was a solo you could remember. I like this song because of the production on it. The fills behind the vocals were very lyrical. The harmonies were nice. This is an example of what I'd like to do with my next record, except with a faster guitar solo.

3. "Wait Till Tomorrow" from *Radio One*, by Jimi Hendrix/Rykodisc

CHRIS: What can I say about Hendrix that hasn't already been said? I have to



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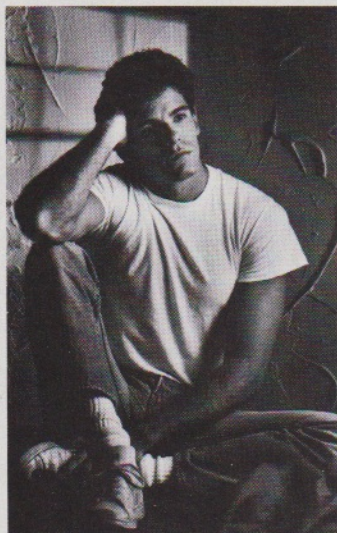
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respect him and realize it was a completely different era of guitar playing. If you listen to his era and his peers, he was so far ahead of them in what he did with the guitar. Nobody was doing that, or at least not the people who had succeeded in a commercial format. He was an emotional player. One of those players where it was very unpredictable whether he was going to have a good or bad night. "Purple Haze" is legendary. His line on that was incredible. The reason it succeeded was because it was so noticeable, so weird. By today's standards it's still a cool guitar piece. This song doesn't blow me away. The best thing about it is the drumming.

4. "Rising Force" from *Odyssey*, by Yngwie Malmsteen's Rising Force/Polygram

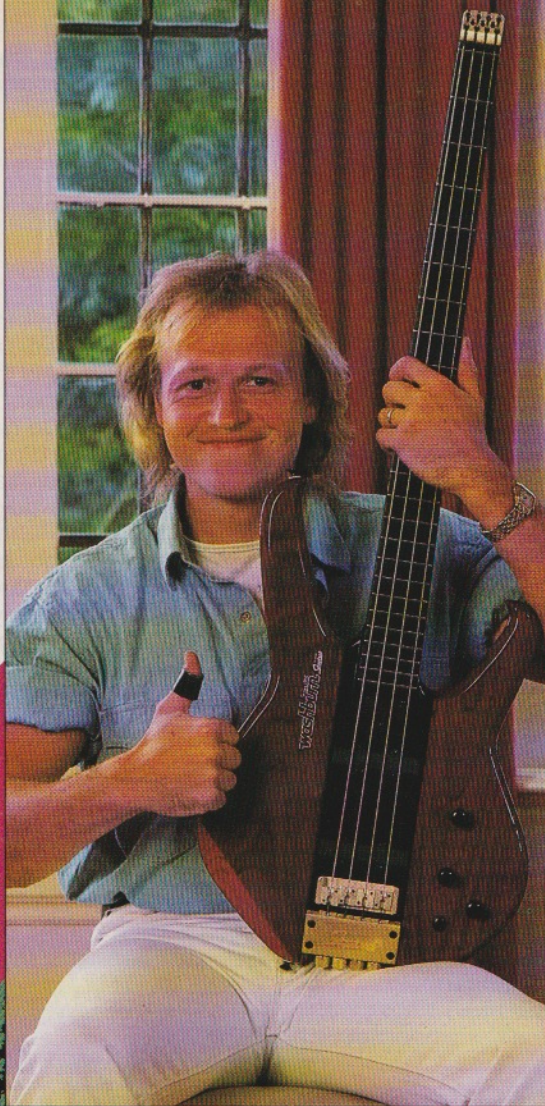
CHRIS: I've got to give credit where credit is due. Yngwie deserves it because he came out with it first. This song has got more of a pentatonic feel to it. It's upbeat as far as the main riff. His solo is kind of neat. It's almost as if he's doing little hammer-on areas. I'm not sure if he does it with his finger or his pick, like Randy used to do. It's a good song. His style has changed. You hear it in this song especially. I don't think he would have done this a few years ago. He was more progressive than this. He is trying to go for more of a commercial edge with his stuff. This song is in between the commercial and the heavy stuff, because of the tempo. "Heaven Tonight" was a good commercial song, though the solo was a little sloppy in a certain area. I hear things I like in his playing that are similar to what I want to go after. Probably because it's progressive. I think *Trilogy* was a better album because the vocals were carefully planned. The song structures were better. I love Joe Lynn Turner. I think he works better with Ritchie. I think he will do much better in the reformed Rainbow. Ritchie doesn't play as much as Yngwie. I personally like the guitar overplaying, because I'm a guitar player.

5. "The Pepper Shake" from *Greg Howe*, by Greg Howe/Shrapnel

CHRIS: Devastating. Great piece. It's got feel. Someone was listening to Joe Satriani and combining some of the Vai stuff in there. It's got a lot of funk to it. Total voicings. It sounds like something I should open up to and incorporate. I think it's great.

It's Greg Howe.

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ROCK THERAPY

By Jay Jay French
(as told to Bruce Pollock)

Heavy metal seems to be the music of choice among suburban teenagers because it's fast, it's loud, it's wild. You know, not too many people drive down the streets of Manhattan in a red Ferrari or a 'Vette, or a redone Camaro, at 400 MPH blasting Judas Priest. Youth has an incredible propensity towards getting involved with things that are reckless, that consume a lot of energy. If you were to ask a young heavy metal band that had no ties to anything, about their attitude towards life, they'd say: "I don't need my parents; I don't need my mother, my father; I don't need my sister, my brother; I don't need my school-teachers—to hell with my cousins, uncles, and everyone else. There's me, and my music, man, 'cause I wanna party and I'll go anywhere in the world to play it." And you take these guys, and you tell them, "Good, there's a concert 900 miles from here. There's no money, but can you make it?" I'll bet you these guys will figure out a way to get a U-Haul, they'll get in their cars and they'll make it there, and they'll play; they won't

sleep, and they'll bust their asses, because this is what young people with tons of energy can do.

In the beginning, I think everybody has the same belief: "Yeah, we're gonna make it." In its earliest, earliest incarnation, you meet another guy, usually through a friend. 'This guy's a guitar player. I'd like you to meet my friend—he's into guitar, too. You're into Priest? He's into Priest.' And you go 'Yeah, we should get together; let me have your phone number.' There it is—you get together. If one guy's a lot better than the other, the guy who's a lot better is usually not going to bother to call back. If they're roughly of the same caliber, and they like each other, and they think each other looks good, or fits their vision of what a rock star should be, they may hang around, start looking for other people. So it usually starts out with a couple of people who build something. Even with a four-man band that's been together from the beginning, it's always somebody's, or two people's idea, and those two guys tend to be the ones who maintain that pre-eminent position in the band. And also, those are the ones who tend to call the shots, so long as they're smart. And unless there's an overt case of stupidity, you know, like when someone's so obviously a jerk that the other guy's don't want to deal with him, you're usually just so damned happy to find another human being who plays your kind of music, I don't think you're that critical at first. I was never critical, and I don't think I was unusual. Man, if I could just find three guys to play this Saturday afternoon, I didn't care where the hell they came from.

But as you get more serious, the chemistry of the band does become a major concern. Firing someone is an inevitable moment. You can put it off, like a bad relationship, but it's eventually going to aggravate someone to the point where they're going to blow. Recently, there was a band that I knew real well, where the bass player started the group. The bass player thought he ran it all; he didn't realize how much the rest of the band didn't like him, and yet he put the band together and he named the group. So one afternoon, the bass player calls me to tell me that he's throwing out the lead singer, 'cause he hates the lead singer. I get a call back the next day from the lead singer, telling me that they fired the bass player. Now, the bass player didn't have a clue. He

was under the impression that all the guys agreed with him and hated the lead singer. But, when he came into the meeting, and he said to the singer, "I want you out," the singer turned to him and said, "I got news for you. The drummer, me, and the guitar player say you're out." This totally blew the guy's mind—he didn't have a clue!

What always makes me laugh are these ads you see, like in the Callboard: 'No posers or time-wasters need apply.' I mean, first of all, do you know a single person who gets up in the morning and goes, 'I am a poser.' 'I am a time-waster, therefore I will not apply.' I don't know a single person who would do that. It doesn't apply to anybody, because if you've got the chutzpah to think that you're good enough to join somebody's band, then you also have the chutzpah to think that you deserve to be where you deserve to be, which is right up there. You can't be a bullshit artist, because you legitimately want it so bad. Nevertheless, when you start out, you go, "OK. We're gonna rehearse every Saturday." "Uh, well I can't because I work in my father's store." That's your first tipoff. 'Cause in the beginning, they all say they're great, they're ready, they can do this and do that. What happens when you have a rehearsal at 2:00 in the afternoon and the guy shows up at 3:00? A bell goes off. That's a first warning. You give him the benefit of the doubt once, because it's a hassle finding somebody—maybe twice—but after a while you start seeing a pattern, and the pattern starts to make people uncomfortable, and the rehearsals go nowhere. So there are signs.

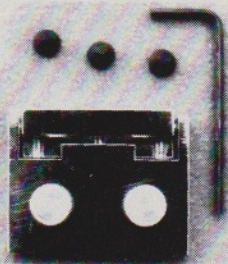
I would say the warning bell goes off if you get into a group and you find A: Lateness for a musician that starts to be a pattern; B: Drinking for a musician that starts to be a pattern; C: Lack of preparation for a rehearsal that's a pattern. And even if someone shows up on time, and even if he can play his instrument, and even if he doesn't drink, if the guy has a bad attitude, if it's all negative, this sucks and that sucks, and this is a drag, and that's a drag, and I hate this and I hate that—in other words, if his mental state sucks, and he brings people down with it, I don't care if the guy is the second coming of Christ—kick him the hell out of your band. Negativity will destroy the group. I don't care if everyone in town says he's the greatest thing on the planet—get rid of him. ☛

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BY ANDY ALEDORT



On his latest album, *King of the Blues*, 1989, B.B. King has dressed Lucille in a whole new wardrobe, as he mixes guitar synth with his classic sound, backed by a funky rhythm section. After 40 years in the music business, in which he's averaged over 300 dates a year, Riley B. seems to be enjoying himself more than ever. As the "Ambassador of the Blues," told me, after completing a particularly burning set during the Benson and Hedges Blues Festival in New York, he's finally getting ready to let his hair down and really play. Look out.

There is something about the blues that makes it so vital.

One thing is the blues doesn't put on airs. This is it—you see what you get. It's not a high falootin' type of music, it's down to earth. It's just like kids. If you ask a kid something, they tell you the truth—you've got to make them lie. Blues music is usually just that truth. It's down home. It's not like talking to a college professor. It's the type of music that everybody can understand. There are parts of it that are sophisticated, but the sophisticated part of it sits right in there among the simple parts. Learned people are able to pick it out. For others that are not learned and just like a good

sound and feel, it's good for them, too. It's good for whatever ails you; it's been like food to people that need it. That's one reason it's stayed around so long. **How has the blues become such a popular form of music?**

As far as I can see, jazz naturally became the sophisticated style of American music. It deserves it, because guys have studied and studied to be able to play good jazz. My hat's off to them. But you take gospel music, some of the people like the Evangelist preachers get over with gospel. But until you could get gospel kind of commercialized with Mahalia Jackson and a few other along that line, it didn't get off the ground either. In

the 50s you had groups, but no gospel. The Soul Stirrers were a name with us long before Sam Cooke started singing pop and people recognized the group. Rock 'n' roll was right there with Fats Domino, Little Richard, Chuck Berry and the beginning of their sound. When Elvis came out the world was ready for it because kids were rebelling against the music their parents had been listening to. So if they didn't take the bridle off of it and let it go, it would have gone anyway. It seems to me, soul was the brother to rock. You've got rock 'n' roll here that's white; you've got the soul here that is black. Combine it all together and we've got rock 'n' roll soul music, and if you weren't into that stream of music, you were locked out. With blues, they closed the door before we could get there. Today it seems that the blues are getting another chance.

Do you think there's a blues revival going on today?

Here is the only thing I have to disagree with people about a blues revival. In '56 I did 342 one nighters. Since that time I've been on the road an average of 300 days a year, so I've been working every day. I remember somebody asking the President if there were any poor people. He said, "I don't think so," because he wasn't out there to see them. I've been working every day, so I haven't been able to see the resurgence. It seems to me that we have new people that come along from time to time, like in any line of work. Many people who get to be popular in blues, change to rock. It's like getting to be a big corporate lawyer and you then start to specialize in a particular field. That happened with some of the people into the blues in the 60s. They found a new field to go into and they did. A lot of it led to rock 'n' roll or jazz. Isaac Hayes started off in blues. Ella Fitzgerald used to do blues. Louis Armstrong did blues. I've got some blues tunes with Bing Crosby and Louis Jordan together. I've got some Gene Autry doing blues. Along the line each one of these people did some of what we call the roots and then they graduated like you're going to college. Today we've got two very popular young men that have again given it a boost. I'm speaking of Stevie Ray Vaughan and Robert Cray. But you've got others, like Lil Ed and Joe Louis Walker, who are coming along.

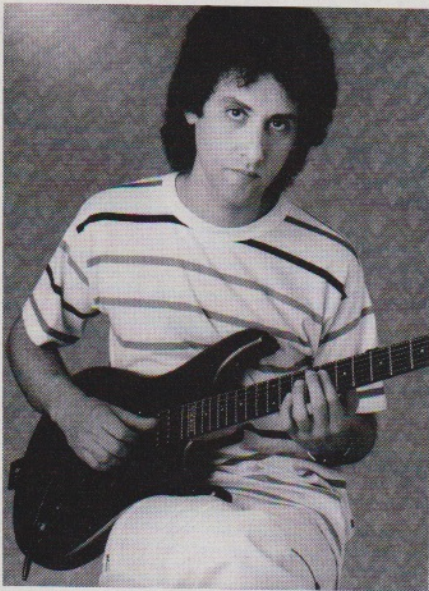
What were your first musical experiences growing up in Indianola?

My mother was into gospel music. At the church we would go to, the preacher played guitar. When I was about eight or nine it sounded so good to me I just wanted to play. The preacher was my uncle's brother-in-law. When I would visit my uncle's house, the preacher would

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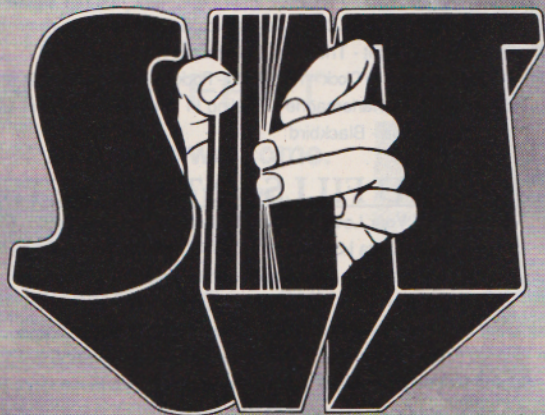
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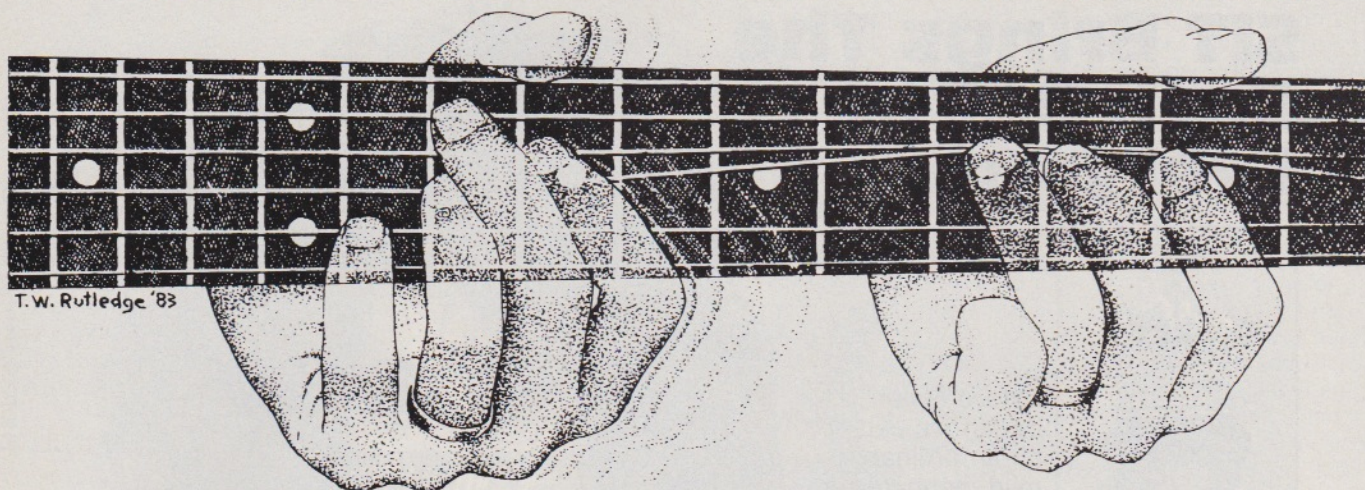


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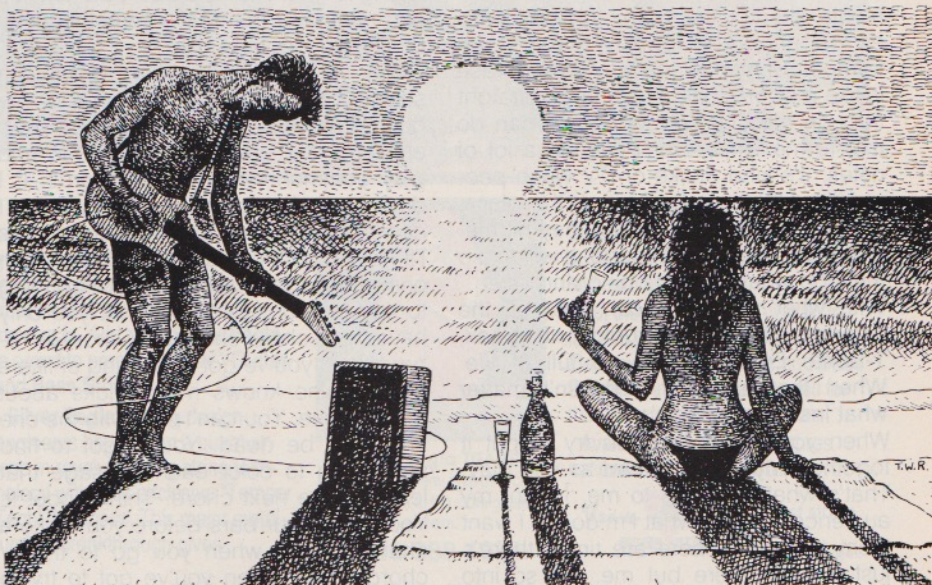
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come visit his sister and my uncle, and have dinner on Sunday evening. In the South, when I was growing up, most of the time kids had to wait until after the adults had finished eating. The adults would be eating and we kids would be outside or in the living room playing. Usually the preacher would lay his guitar on the bed and that's how I'd get a hold of it. I was maybe 10 years old. One day he caught me. I felt sure he would get on me about it. My uncle scolded me a bit, but the Preacher said, don't scold him. He showed me three chords—I, IV, V—and I've been playing them ever since. That was my only music lesson. From that time on I never had anybody actually teach me. Of course, I bought records and tapes and everything. There are many things available to kids today that weren't available to us. The first time I ever saw a cassette tape player was in the 50s. The cassette itself was about a foot long and about eight or nine inches wide.

In those days you had 78s.

That was it. My idols were Lonnie Johnson and Blind Lemon. I heard Robert Johnson and Big Bill Broonzy, but for the guitar, Lonnie Johnson and Blind Lemon Jefferson were blues. When I started to hear Charlie Christian and Django Rheinhardt play jazz, that did it. In 1939 and '40, I heard T-Bone Walker on electric guitar play single string blues and that did it. I went crazy. In '43 I was 18 and just being drafted into the army. I had heard him, but when I heard "Stormy Monday," that's the one that did it. Ever since then it seemed to me that combining Blind Lemon, Lonnie Johnson and T-Bone Walker I could somehow make a cohesiveness between the blues and jazz and gospel on the guitar. I could hear it all intertwined. I also listened to other people on other instruments, like Louis Jordan, Johnny Hodges on alto, and Bobby Hackett on trumpet. Somehow the way they phrase is like a sword that seems to go straight through me. Just a few people can do that to me. They aren't playing a lot of notes. It's kind of like on TV when people like Ella Fitzgerald break the glass. Some of those notes, when they hit me, pierce right straight through. It will make me stop whatever I'm doing and listen.

With what you do, I can hear all the different influences, a trumpet riff, a sax, T-Bone. Every note is so full of life. When that happens it doesn't matter what instrument it is.

When you're doing it you try to put it together in your own head as you play. That's what happens to me. I want my audience to enjoy what I'm doing. I want them to feel it. There are times there's just nobody there but me. I'm so into what I'm doing. It's almost like the spirit

leaves the body and gets into what I'm doing. After a while it comes back and says, 'I sure hope you enjoyed it, because I had a ball.' There are many other times when you can't seem to put it together. But there's never a time when I don't enjoy some of what I'm doing. There are many times it's like trying to tell a story and your punchline comes out before the rest of the story. Many nights good musicians paint beautiful pictures. Some guys seem to do it every time. Some of us just walk down the path of playing and there ain't no grass or trees or ladies or birds. We just go through it. There was another part of my career, which I don't think was recorded, when I used to think in terms of speed versus economy. I would take speed. Today it's always economy. I'd rather ration the notes.



Bob Leate

The thing about the blues that is fascinating is where to hold back, the tension and release. I feel that's something you do like nobody else.

Thank you very much. I've played with some of the jazz players, some of the gospel players, some of the rock players, and I've learned to trail along and play common tones in the chords. If I don't know the chords, and most times I don't, as they play the beautiful chords I'll hold a common tone that leads from one chord to the other. What I'm trying to say to you is, knowing that you only have three chord changes in most of 12-bar blues, you've got to be kind of like a woman who knows many tricks about making love. You can't stay with the one and let it be dead. You've got to find something to color each passage that leads to the next chord. Think about it. You've got four bars before you make a change. Then when you go to the IV chord, that's when you've got to try to do something there before you get back

to your tonic chord again. If you're playing any of the standards like "Body and Soul," it modulates to another key when you get into the bridge. Any of those standard tunes, you can play a chord on every beat if you wanted to. If your vocabulary is happening, you can make it work. Oscar Peterson, Tal Farlow, Howard Roberts, Kenny Burrell, George Benson, Wes Montgomery, Grant Green—each one of these guys, as far as I'm concerned, makes it work. If a guy wasn't a good musician, if he didn't have great ideas, you would still be considered a hell of a player, just by playing the chords that can go into a song. With blues you can't do that and make it be blues. That's where we cut the wheat from the chaff. Since you ain't got that much to work with, you're like a good cook. You're cooking beans and gravy and bread, but it's got to taste good, because that's all you got.

You draw from so many experiences but you put them together in a way that makes the whole thing happen.

I don't think there is anybody alive that hasn't at one time felt that whatever you were doing was meaningless to everybody except you. You think, I tried hard to do this, I moved the bed here and the tree there, and nobody seemed to say thanks, or it don't mean anything to anybody. Hey, I'm like the dog that went and got the paper—all I want is a little pat on the head. Yet, nobody gives it to you. You find yourself doing like what a kid does sometimes; he gets his own little ball and this little ball becomes his world. This little ball doesn't hurt him, this little ball is right there for him. You learn sometimes musically to kind of be withdrawn. All of us find different pacifiers. I've heard people say, 'I would go to school and try to learn. But even if I learn, I ain't going to be able to get the job I want. Nobody pays attention.' So they just don't go. Over the years in trying to play, I could never play like I wanted to. People said, 'Practice, practice.' I practice more now than I ever did. At that time I was practicing but it was kind of like my eating habits. I wasn't practicing right. A lot of slim people can eat as much as they want, but they eat properly. The food is properly prepared and they don't eat a lot of fat. They know how to eat. Well some of us get disgusted, and I was one of them. You could meet guys who could never play it right and meet them six months later and they're playing like mad. That disgusts me. I've been trying to play for years and it ain't happening. Finally somebody comes up and says, 'Man, I sure enjoy what you're doing.' That one little something is like a little pat on the head. Then you start to feel a little bit of that frustration leave and you get a feel-

ing that maybe I am doing a little better. That's what got me into the sound. It was nothing that I was looking for. I still don't play the sound that I'm hearing. I still hear something that I've never played yet. It not technical notes, but a simple sound. I love horns. I also like the voice, hearing people sing. I want to hear a sound that I have never heard, that would be more related to a violin. I just go crazy when Stephane Grappelli plays. I want to hear something similar to that on the guitar.

His bow is such a power source. On guitar it takes so much more effort to get the strings going like that.

I like to hear guys with the synthesizer, but it doesn't do what I want. I was so glad when they finally made synthesizers that guitar players could use. I've got a synth at home, an RX7, and an Amiga computer. I got an Amiga on the bus that I carry with me all the time. I use the Deluxe Music package, where you can write on the screen. My new album, *King of the Blues 1989*, has some MIDI stuff on it. I like a lot of it, but some of it makes me a little lazy because it sounds so good and you just play to hear the sound of it. You don't have to work as hard.

When you use something more complicated than the basic setup, do you still have the range of timbres that you normally get?

Yes, but I'm not into it as much as some of the guys that play loud all the time. A lot of that stuff I find you don't get all the good qualities unless you open up and let go. I noticed U2 when I was working with them; they kind of felt it out. A lot of this is my fault, it's not the equipment's fault. It's my fault for not knowing how to use it properly. The guys that use it every day can bend the strings right in synch with computers. They can play five or six different synthesizers and each instrument plays along with them. It's tough to keep control and have as wide a range of dynamics. That would be a deterrent because that is such a big part of what you do.

I have a good time with it, stumbling around at home, because I've gotten sensitive to writing more and it's nice to be able to go to my apartment and set my junk up. The only problem I have is with the drummer. Me and the drum machine don't work yet. I haven't learned how to program it to play some of the things that I want it to play.

On a more basic level, you are known for your vocals and singing guitar work. Where do chords fit in for you?

As I said earlier, I've got that bluesy part of me, the gospel part of me, and also got that light jazzy part of me. It's not so much modern jazz, but more of the Dixieland. That's why I'm single string most

all the time. But I feel sometimes my chords are nothing. I'm no good in chords. I like the 13ths and 9ths. I never use the Maj 7th unless I'm playing a tune that I feel required to. To me, the Maj 7th doesn't work good in the blues. I always use the dominant, whatever it is. You can hear the flat 7th. The major 7th takes away from it for real blues. I have a tune that I'm doing now, "Welcome My Love, Take Off Your Shoes." The arranger did a beautiful arrangement on it. He put a Maj 7th at the end. I said, "What are you trying to prove? You made a beautiful arrangement all the way through, but in the end why the Maj 7th? Everybody knows you know how to

make a Maj 7th." I have nothing against the Maj 7th, and if you're playing any of the standard tunes, they work. Very few people I hear put the Maj 7th in blues and make it work. To me, it's like you've been a nice guy until you're ready to leave, and then you moon everybody.

The other night I heard you play things you never had before. They were more rocked up and Hendrix-like.

Well, after forty years, I guess it's safe to come out of the closet. I feel now that people know me, they will maybe expect me doing things a little differently. They wouldn't have accepted it years ago. But, now I can turn loose and be me, because I have nothing to lose. ✎

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By Andy Aledort

SPANISH FLY

Eddie Van Halen followed up 1978's guitar solo masterpiece, "Eruption," with this acoustic solo piece from *Van Halen II*, further establishing himself as the man for the future of rock guitar. This piece is played on a nylon-string classical acoustic guitar, tuned down a whole step. Tuning down makes the guitar easier to play, thus enabling Eddie to play the fast patterns a little faster still, and he does play fast. Tuning down also gives the guitar a deeper, richer tone. The opening phrase of tapped harmonics is articulated by tapping the strings at the frets indicated in parenthesis, while holding the chord forms, which can be determined by fretting all the notes in any given bar at once. The rest of the piece is pure virtuosity, featuring the tapping techniques and aggressive attack that Eddie is known for. Many of the phrases illustrate the great amount of left hand strength Eddie has, and working on this piece will strengthen anybody's chops. The piece is also in Free Time, so the time signatures shown in parenthesis reflect the shifting flow of the phrases. The second half of the piece is made up almost exclusively of tapped triplet figures which outline a wide variety of triads. Figuring out what is going on musically within the piece, let alone physically, will help you tremendously in terms of fretboard recognition, as well as supplying a lesson in chordal resolutions.

WHEN LOVE COMES TO TOWN

Not often are two musical giants such as B.B. King and U2 mentioned in the same breath, but Bono and the Edge did write this tune for B.B., which he lays into with his usual power and soul. The first verse is just an E pedal, which releases to the 1V chord (A) for the chorus, both sections featuring sparse rhythm guitar from the Edge. As usual, the Edge's guitar signal is wetted up with a bit of slap-back echo mixed with ambient delay. The second verse outlines the 1V chord as in a blues, but returns to an E pedal without completing the standard blues form. The interlude features typical "EDGE-work," as suspended chords are arpeggiated and sustained with echo effects. Both of B.B.'s guitar solos showcase his unique phraseology, leaning on E pentatonic major (E,F#,G#,B,C#), and E pentatonic minor (E,G,A,B,D). Some of the un-

usual things he does are bending the A note, first string, fifth fret, up a whole step with his index finger, often holding the bend and continuing to pick the string; bending the B note, first string, seventh fret, up a step and a half; playing entire solos in one position and never playing the exact same thing twice. There is only one B.B. King, and it's great to see him playing in a situation which should earn him a horde of new fans. I strongly suggest listening to *B.B. King Live at the Regal*, to hear some of the greatest blues guitar playing ever.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN

Truly one of the greatest and most influential rock records ever produced, Beck's *Blow by Blow* established new standards for rock and fusion guitarists alike. The tune starts with a funky rhythm part outlining a D9 tonality with added tensions—the 13th (B) and the #9 (F). Jeff's supplementary figure before the melody enters is based on D pentatonic minor (D,F,G,A,C). This note is often articulated by getting some of the thumb into the pick attack, creating a hollow, nasal tone, which borders on creating artificial harmonics. Picking at different points along the length of the string creates a variety of tonal characteristics. The melody (doubled by the synth) is based on D Mixolydian (D, E, F#, G, A, B,C). Jeff's first solo is in $\frac{5}{4}$ time and features a shift to the 1V chord (G) with keyboards, bass and rhythm guitar playing the same backing riff. Jeff's lines are based on G Mixolydian (G,A,B,C,D,E,F), and his opening phrase utilizes "sixth" figures which are common to blues and country guitar playing. Just when you think Jeff is going to end a phrase in a typical way, he throws a monkey wrench at you with an unusual twist, dancing on the edge of a phrase as only he can. The backing part moves up a step to A and Jeff's lines here are based on A Mixolydian (A,B,C#,D,E,F#,G), with brief use of C#. Moving back to the 1 chord, the lines are based on D Mixolydian. Notice how Jeff changes his tone, shifting from a thin, needy tone, to a thick, brassy, distorted tone. So many of Jeff's phrases are also very melodic, especially during the trades against the melody. This is something all guitarists should strive for. The second time the tune moves to the 1V chord the song stays in $\frac{5}{4}$ time, and Jeff's soloing here is some of the best you'll ever hear. Jeff utilizes A pentatonic major (A,B,C#,E,F#), briefly over the A chord. There are precious few guitarists who play with as much style and personality as Jeff Beck.

JESSICA

Dickey Betts has a knack for writing great instrumentals. Les Dudek played acoustic guitar on this track and lays down a solid groove (trivia hounds will remember that Les was married to Cher for a while and she sang in his Black Rose Band). The melody is based on A Mixolydian (A,B,C#,D,E,F#,G), with rare use of the seventh tone (G), and is harmonized a third above by another guitar. Both electric guitars sound like Les Pauls (a Betts trademark) played through Marshalls that are idling at a moderate volume, producing a clear tone. Betts also is to be commended for his clean articulation and pure touch. This is not a difficult tune to recreate, as all the phrases are very straightforward and not fast, but care should be taken to play the phrases cleanly. The section preceding the piano solo features two guitars and piano (arranged here for guitar) playing different syncopations against each other, again not difficult to recreate. Following Chuck Leavell's piano solo, the tonality shifts to D major and Betts launches into a long solo based primarily on D pentatonic major (D,E,F#,A,B), featuring an endless array of Betts-isms. This is a great tune to work on to learn new techniques and get an insight into great country rock guitar playing.

BE ALL, END ALL

All the rhythm parts in this tune are based on root-fifth chords moved all over the place, often played against a muted eighth-note pedal tone. This song is a great right hand workout, especially if you choose to play all the eighth-notes as downstrokes, which Scott and Danny do most of the time (Scott occasionally uses alternate picking instead). Note the tempo shift in the interlude section, featuring the chromatic riff against the E pedal. The tempo picks up again for the solo, which is based on E Phrygian#3, also known as the fifth mode of A Harmonic minor. The second half of the solo, starting at bar 17, is based on E Mixolydian (E,F#,G#,A,B,C#,D), and is, in Dan's words, influenced by Tommy Bolin. The following fast phrase is based primarily on E Dorian (E,F#,G,A,B,C#,D), with the addition of the b5 (Bb), followed by the E blues scale (E,G,A,Bb B,D), leading up to a chromatically ascending tapped figure based on triplets. The final riff is a hodge-podge of assorted notes, but it works. Special thanks to Dan Spitz for taking time between sets to give me the lowdown on exactly how the tune is played, solos and all. ➔

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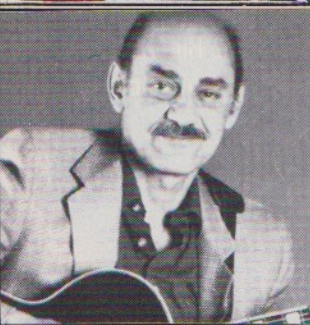
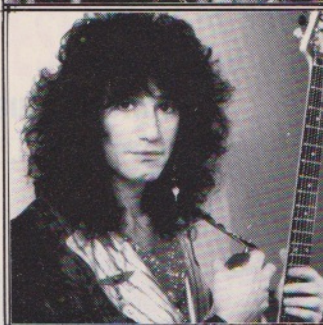
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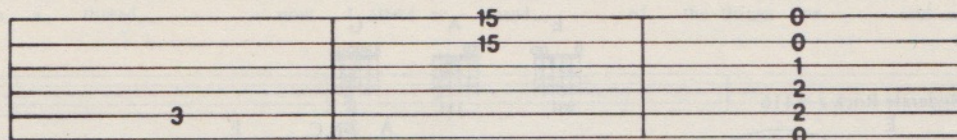
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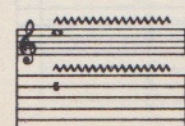
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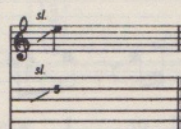
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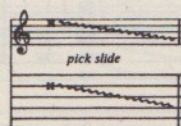
SLIDE: Same as above, except the second note is struck.



SLIDE: Slide up to the note indicated from a few frets below.



SLIDE: Strike the note and slide up an indefinite number of frets, releasing finger pressure at the end of the slide.



PICK SLIDE: The edge of the pick is rubbed down the length of the string. A scratchy sound is produced.



HAMMER-ON: Strike the first (lower) note, then sound the higher note with another finger by fretting it without picking.



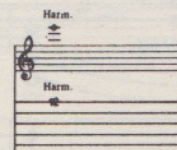
PULL-OFF: Both fingers are initially placed on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first (higher) note, then sound the lower note by pulling the finger off the higher note while keeping the lower note fretted.



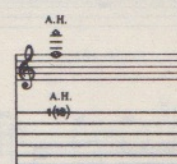
FRETBOARD TAPPING: Hammer ("tap") onto the fretboard with the index or middle finger of the pick hand and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand ("T" indicates "tapped" notes).



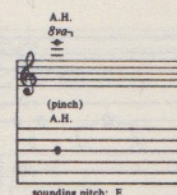
TREMOLO PICKING: The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.



NATURAL HARMONIC: The fret hand lightly touches the string over the fret indicated; then it is struck. A chime-like sound is produced.



ARTIFICIAL HARMONIC: The fret hand fingers the note indicated. The pick hand produces the harmonic by using a finger to lightly touch the string at the fret indicated in parentheses and plucking with another finger.



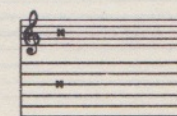
ARTIFICIAL "PINCH" HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack. High volume or distortion will allow for a greater variety of harmonics.



TREMOLO BAR: The pitch of a note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps, then returned to the original pitch.



PALM MUTE (P.M.): The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.



MUFFLED STRINGS: A percussive sound is produced by laying the fret hand across the strings without depressing them to the fretboard and striking them with the pick hand.

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(B.B. King)

turn on a thread, — now I stand ac - cused — of the things I've said. — (When) love —

sl.

Chorus

A E

— comes to town — I'm gon - na jump that train, when love — comes to town — I'm gon - na

sl.

catch that flame. May-be I was wrong — to ev - er let you down, — but I

P.M. — — — — — 4

sl.

did what I did — be - fore love — came to town.

(Echo repeats — — — — — 4)

sl.

Gr. I

E

A E

Yeah. ____

Yeah. ____

Gr. II (B.B.King)

Full Full

Full Full

Full Full

Full Full

5 5 6

5 5 6

③ 3fr. G E

2nd Verse (Bono) (E)

A E

Used to make love un - der the red sun - set, I was mak - ing prom - is - es I was

Gr. I

A E

soon to for - get. She was pale as the lace of her wed - ding gown, but I

sl. don't pick H

sl. 18

A 3

left her stand - ing be - fore love came to town. Ran in - to a juke - joint when I heard

— a gui - tar scream, the notes were turn - ing blue, I was dazed and in a dream. As the

mu - sic played — I saw my life turn a - round. — That was the day — be - fore love. —

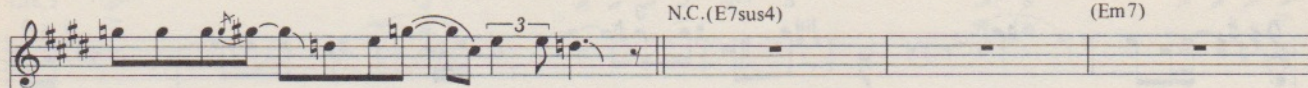
Chorus
(B.B.King) A Asus2 A E

_____ came to town. When love _____ comes to town I'm gon - na jump that train, when love _____

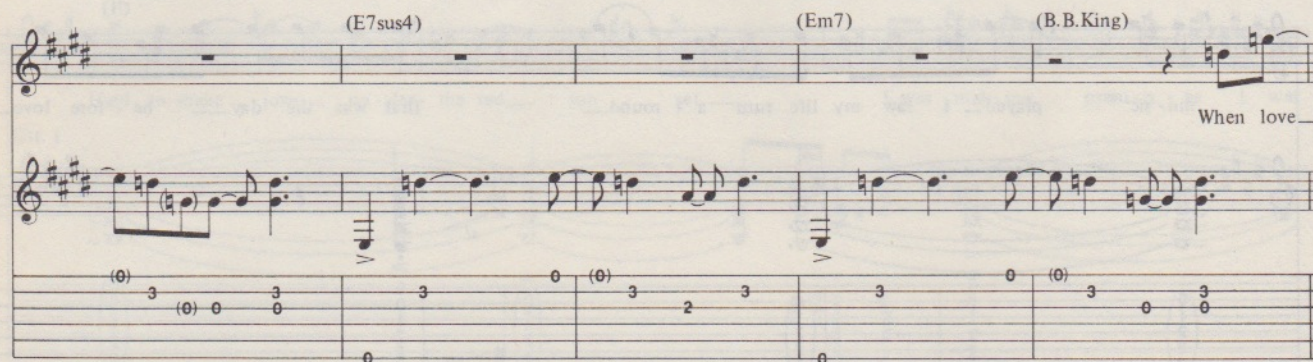
Interlude

N.C. (E7sus4)

(Em7)



did what I did — be — fore love — came to town.
(Echo repeats —————)

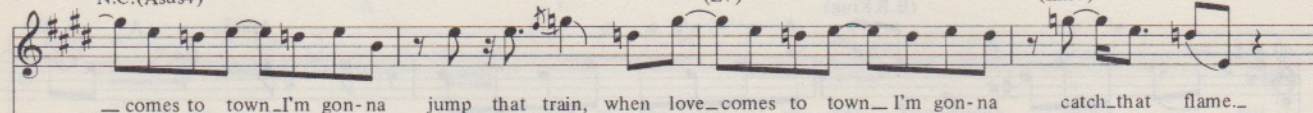


Chorus

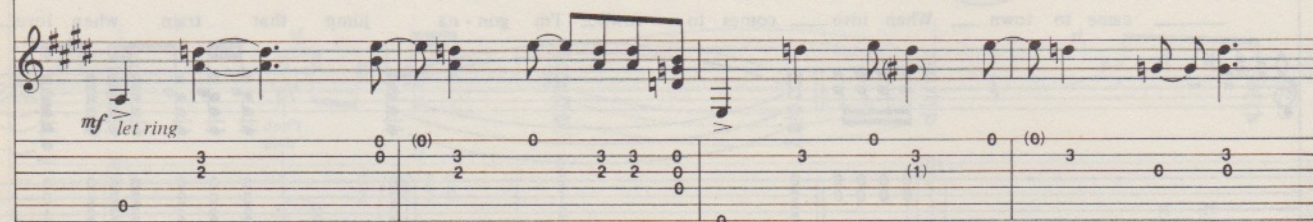
N.C. (Asus4)

(E7)

(Em7)

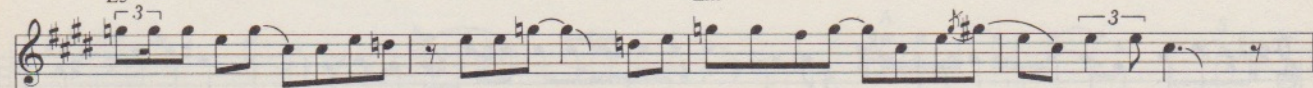


— comes to town. I'm gon-na jump that train, when love — comes to town — I'm gon-na catch that flame —

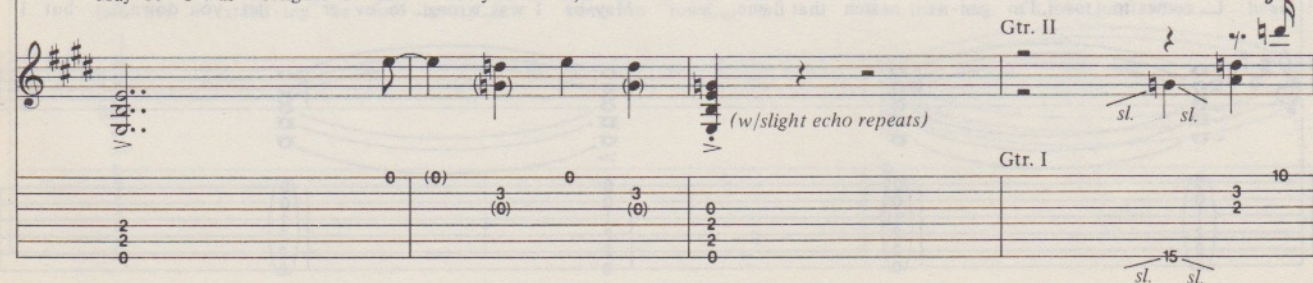


E5

Em



May-be I was wrong — to ev-er let you down, — but I did what I did — be — fore love — came to town.



Gtr. II

(w/slight echo repeats)

Gtr. I

Guitar solo I
Gtr. I E

Gtr. II

⑥ open E A G E

⑥ open E ③ 3fr. open 3fr. G 1/2 E 1/2 G E

Full hold bend

10 7 10 8 5 6 5 (5) 7 7 (7) 5 8 5 (5) 5 5 5 7

Full Full Full Full Full

1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

(7) 7 7 5 5 5 7 6 5 6 7 5 7 (7) 5 6 5

(don't pick) sl. A G E

⑤ open A A G

Full hold bend

1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

5 7 6 5 7 5 5 6 7 5 6 5 5

3rd Verse E (B.B. King) N.C.

I was there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord, I held the scab - bard when the sol - dier drew his sword.

Gtr. I

Harm. (Sva)

mf

Harm.

0 1 2 2 0

3 0 14 14 12 12 14 14

I threw the dice when they pierced his side, but I've seen love con - quer the great di - vide. When love -

Full Full Full

1/2 1/2 1/2

12 14 12 12 14 12 15

H sl. sl.

Chorus

A Asus4 E

comes to town. I'm gon - na catch that train, when love comes to town. I'm gon - na catch that flame.

let ring

0 2 2 2 0 2 0 3 3 3 0 0 1 2 2 1 10

sl.

3

May - be I was wrong to ev - er let you down, but I did what I did be - fore love

(w/slight echo repeats)

0 1 2 2 0 3 0 3 0 0 1 2 2 2 0

Guitar solo II (Outro)

E

came to town. Hey, yeah, yeah! Hey, yeah, yeah!

Gtr. II

Full

f Full

Full Full

1/2 Full

7 9 7 8 5 5 (5) 5 6 7 7 5 5 5 7 6 5 7 5 7

Gtr. I

sl. sl. sl.

let ring

0 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 1

12 11 16

sl. sl. sl.

Hey, — hey! Woo! Hey, — hey! Woo!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef guitar melody in D major, featuring a series of eighth notes with vibrato and bends, with lyrics "Hey, — hey! Woo!". The middle staff is a guitar melody with similar phrasing and bends, also with lyrics "Hey, — hey! Woo!". The bottom staff is a bass line with fret numbers: (7) 5 5 5 6, 5 7 5 5, 5 5 5 6, 5 7 5 5 5, 5 6 7 5 (7). Annotations include "Full", "hold bend", and "1/2".

Hey! — Woo! Hey, — yeah! — Hey, —

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and bass line. The top staff has lyrics "Hey! — Woo! Hey, — yeah! — Hey, —". The middle staff continues the guitar melody with bends and vibrato. The bottom staff continues the bass line with fret numbers: (7) 5 5 5, 5 6 7 7 5 7 5, 5 7 7 6 5 6 7. Annotations include "Full", "hold bend", "1/2", and "1 1/2".

BASS LINE FOR WHEN LOVE COMES TO TOWN

As Recorded by U2 and B.B. King
(From the album RATTLE AND HUM/Island Records)

Words by Bono;
Music by U2

Intro Moderate Rock ♩ = 116

E

mf *sl.* A N.C. E *sl.* 2

sl. 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7 *sl.* 2

1st Verse

(E) A E N.C. E 2 2

I was a sail - or, I was lost at sea, (etc.) *sl.*

7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7 *sl.* 2 2

Chorus

A E

(When) love _ comes to town_ I'm gon - na ... (etc.) *sl.*

7 *sl.* 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7

sl. *sl.* (0)

7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

E A E 2 2

sl. *sl.*

7 *sl.* 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7 *sl.*

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2nd Verse (E)

Used to make love un-der a red sun - set... (etc.)

A E 2 A E 2

0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

> sl. A E 2

0 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

Chorus A Asus2 A E

When love comes to town I'm gon-na... (etc.)

0 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

Interlude N.C. (E7sus4)

0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

Chorus N.C. (Asus4)

0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

(E7) (Em7) E5 Em

0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

Guitar solo I E A G E

0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 5 7 0 0 7

3rd Verse

A G *sl.* E *sl.* N.C.
 I was there — when they cru - ci - fied my Lord... (etc.)
sl. *sl.*

2 2 2
sl. *sl.* *sl.*

Chorus
 A Asus4 *sl.* E
 2 2
sl. *sl.*

Guitar solo II (Outro)
 E *sl.* 2 2
sl. *sl.* *sl.*

A A
 7 5 7 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7

E A Begin fade
 5 7 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 7 5 7

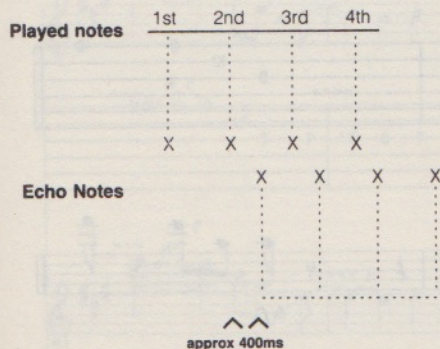
A E A Fade out
 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 7

STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

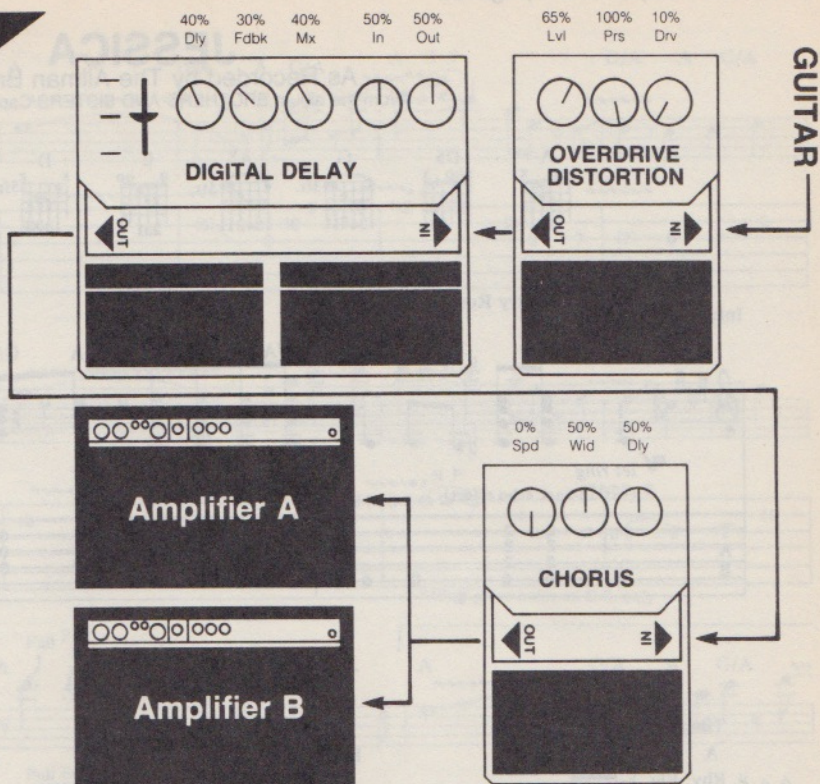
By Dean Stubbs

With the ascendance of *Rattle and Hum*, the Irish rock group U2 has struck deeper into the motherlode they hit with their album *The Joshua Tree*. At the heart of that motherlode is the song "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," which not only established the band as hitmakers, but helped to define a modern guitar sound for a broad audience.

In this song, the Edge uses what sounds like a Strat with the bridge pickup, which sounds heftier than the stock model. It could either be an EMG or perhaps a Duncan Stack. Although the sound has a lot of meat to it, it is still a bright, straight sound with a very slight distortion (kind of like a Fender Twin with a Humbucking pickup). To get a close approximation of Edge's sound, you may want to use an overdrive distortion with a subtle distortion setting of 10 or less. The level control will have to be boosted to compensate for the lack of distortion gain, and the presence control is up full for a bright sound. Use a delay with at least 450 milliseconds of delay, and for a stereo setup a stereo chorus unit ends the effects line. The secret to this sound is the longer delay. The delay unit is set for a delay time of about 400 milliseconds. This will have to be adjusted to the tempo of the song. The idea is to strum in eighth notes, with the delay echoing to create 16th notes. The echo returns not at the second 16th note, but at the fourth 16th note, like this;



The tempo is about 120 beats per minute played eighth notes, with the echoes mixed back at about 30%. This technique creates kind of a sequencer effect, especially when the notes change before the echo/return. Set the



feedback also to about 30% for a subtle taper in the echoes.

One of the options for this sound is creating a stereo setup. Use a stereo

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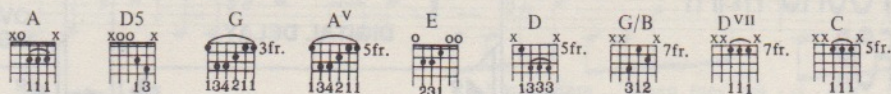
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As Recorded by The Allman Brothers
(From the album BROTHERS AND SISTERS/Capricorn Records)

Music by
Richard Betts



Intro Uptempo Country Rock ♩ = 208

Gtr. I (acous.) A D/A A G/A A D/A A G/A

mf let ring (w/slap-back echo effect)

2

2

3

(Band enters)

A Rhy. Fig. 1 D/A A G/A A D/A A G/A

2 (end Rhy. Fig. 1)

2

3

w/Rhy. Fig. 1

Gtr. II (elec.) A D/A A G/A A D/A A G/A

mf

9 10 9 10

Gtr. III (elec.)

mf

14 14 17 14

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (3 times)

Gtr. II

A Full Full D/A A G/A A D/A A G/A A H P D/A A G/A

Full Full

10 10 9 10 (10) 9 7 6 7 5 (5) 9 10 10 (10) 9 10 9 7 (7) 6 7 5

sl.

H P

*On D.S., use 2nd ending.

Gtr. III

sl.

17 17 14 17 14 (14) 14 11 9 11 10 (10) 14 14 14 (14) 12 14 12 14 14 11 (11) 9 11 10

sl.

P

H P

P

*On D.S., use 2nd ending

**Play grace notes on D.S. only

A D/A A G/A A Full Full D/A A G/A 1. D/A A G/A

Full Full

9 10 10 10 9 10 (10) 9 7 6 7 5 (5) 9 10 10

7 (7) 9 10 10 10 (10) 9 7 6 7 5 (5) 9 10 10

sl.

sl.

9 14 14 17 14 17 17 14 (14) 14 11 9 11 10 (10) 14 14 14

sl.

sl.

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (1st 3 bars only)

A H P D/A A G/A A Gtr. I A D5 H P H P H P

H P

(10) 9 10 9 10 9 7 (7) 6 7 5 2 2 4 2 4 2 3 (3) 5 2 2 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 9 10 9

H P

H P

H P

H P

(14) 12 14 12 14 14 11 (11) 9 11 10 9 6 7 6 7 5 7 (7) 5 7 5 7 5 7 5 10 9 14 14

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(end Rhy. Fig. 1A) w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (3 times)

Gtr. II

(12) 9 10 9 10 10 10 9 10 (10) 9 7 6 7 5

Gtr. III

14 14 17 14 17 17 14 (14) 14 11 9 11 10

Gtr. II

(5) 9 10 9 10 (10) 9 10 9 10 9 7 (7) 6 7 5 7

Gtr. III

(10) 14 14 12 14 (14) 12 14 12 14 14 11 (11) 9 11 10 9

Gtr. II

(7) 9 10 9 10 10 10 9 10 (10) 9 7 6 7 5 7 5 7 5

Gtr. III

(9) 14 14 17 14 17 17 14 (14) 14 11 9 11 10 12 10 12 10

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (1st 2 bars only)

(Gtr. I out)
N.C.

First system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 3).

Second system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 3).

*Gtr. & piano arr. for one gtr.

Third system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Fourth system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Fifth system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Sixth system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Seventh system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Eighth system of guitar notation (treble and bass staves) with fret numbers and articulation marks (p, sl, 1 1/2).

Rhy. Fig. 2

A D/A A D/A A

Riff A

w/Rhy. Fig. 2 & Riff A

w/Rhy. Fig. 2 & Riff A (both 6 times)

Play 6 times

A D/A A D/A A A D/A A

*Gtr. III

let ring

H

H

H

*Piano arr. for gtr.

Piano solo

A Gtr. I D/A A

D/A Play 16 times

N.C. Gtrs. I & II

Guitar solo

5fr.

Gtr. I- Rhy. Fig. 3

D

(end Rhy. Fig. 3) w/Rhy. Fig. 3(49 times)

G/B H D^{VII} C Full D Full Full P G/B Full D^{VII} C Full D P

G/B D^{VII} C P D P G/B D^{VII} C D

G/B H D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C Full D Full P

G/B P D^{VII} C P D G/B D^{VII} C D

G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C D

Musical score for "The Wind" by George Gershwin. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody on a treble clef staff and a guitar accompaniment on a six-string staff. The melody includes various ornaments like grace notes, slurs, and accents, and is accompanied by chords and fingerings. The guitar part includes a wavy line indicating a tremolo and various fingerings for the strings.

The musical score shows a sequence of chords and fingerings across five measures:

- Measure 1:** Chord D. Fingering: 10-10.
- Measure 2:** Chords G/B and D^{vii}. Fingering: 7-10-7.
- Measure 3:** Chords C and D. Fingering: 7-8.
- Measure 4:** Chords G/B, D^{vii}, and C. Fingering: 8-7-7.
- Measure 5:** Chord D. Fingering: 8-7-9-7.

The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and wavy lines indicating specific playing techniques or phrasing.

[illegible]

G/B D⁷(b9) C D Full Full G/B D⁷(b9) C D

(7) 8 10 12 10 (10) 12 12 12 10 10 10 10 10 12 10 10 10 10 10 12

The musical score for 'The Highway Song' is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody begins with a G/B chord, followed by a 'Full' bend on the G note, then a C note, and a D note. This is followed by a G/B chord, a D^{VII} chord, and a C note. The second system continues the melody with a D note, a 'P' (pull-off) on the D note, and another 'P' on the C note. The bass line is shown in a separate staff below the treble staff, with fret numbers 12, 10, and 12 indicated. The score is marked with 'Full hold bend' and 'P' (pull-off) for specific techniques.

G/B D^{VII} C P D G/B P D^{VII} C P D

G/B D^{VII} C Full D G/B D^{VII} C D

G/B D^{VII} C Full D G/B D^{VII} C D

G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C

D G/B sl. D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C D

G/B *8va* D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C

sl. *H* *H* *Full* *hold bend*

15 15 14 14 (14) 14 15 14 15 (15) 14 14 15 15 15 15 (15) 14 14 15

D *8va* G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C

P *H* *Full* *hold bend* *Full* *hold bend*

15 14 14 12 12 14 15 17 17 (17) 17 17 17 17 17

D *8va* G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C

Full *Full*

(17) 17 17 17 15 17 17 15 15 (15) 14 14 14 14 14 15 12 14 10 12 10

loco D G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C

P *P*

10 12 12 12 10 10 11 11 11 12 10 10 12 10 11 11 10 10 10 10 11

D *P* G/B D^{VII} C D *P* G/B D^{VII} C

P *P*

10 12 10 10 12 10 10 12 12 12 11 11 10 12 10 10 12 10 12 10 12 11 11

D *P* G/B D^{VII} C D *P* G/B D^{VII} C

P *P* *sl.* *sl.*

10 12 10 11 12 11 10 12 10 12 11 11 10 12 10 11 10 12 10 12 10 11 11 11 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11

D G/B D^{VII} C D G/B D^{VII} C D

10 11 12 10 12 10 11 10 12 10 11 10 12 10 11 11 9 7 9 7 7 9 7 9

G/B D^{VII} C D G D D

7 9 7 9 9 7 9 7 7 9 9 7 7 9 9 7 8 (8) 8 10 10 12 12

G D D^{VII}

10 10 12 12 14 14 10 10 10 12 10 (10) 9 11 9 7 7 9 7 7 7 9 9

G/B D^{VII} C D^{VII}

7 9 7 9 7 9 7 10 12 10 (10) 9 11 9 7 7 9 7 7 7 7 9 7

G/B D^{VII} C D^{VII}

7 9 7 9 7 9 7 10 10 12 10 (10) 9 11 9 7 2

N.C.(D)
(Gtr. I out)
Gtr. II

Gtr. III

w/Rhy. Fig. 1A

A^v
Gtr. II (Gtr. III out)

G

A^v

[illegible]

Sva

f

p

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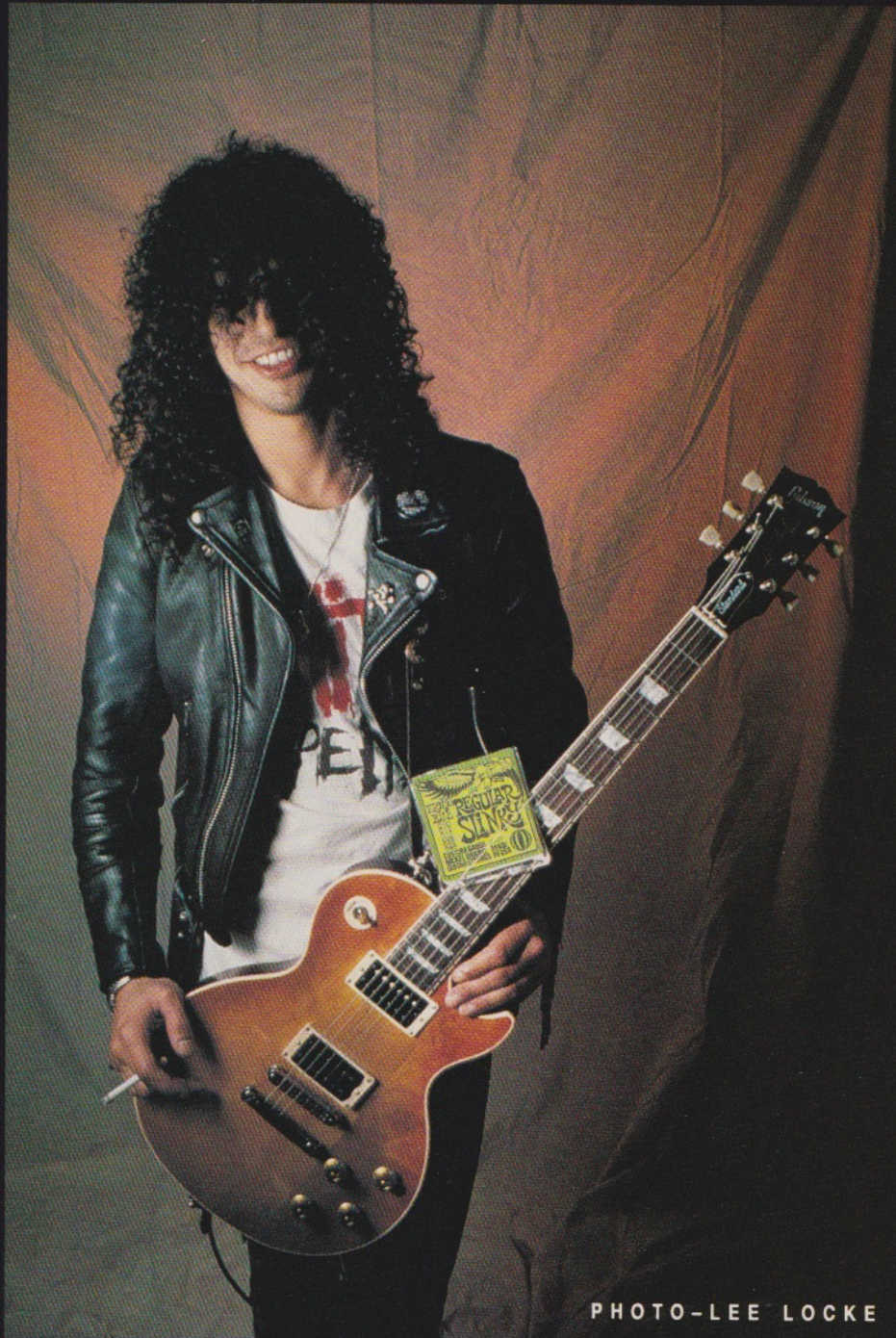
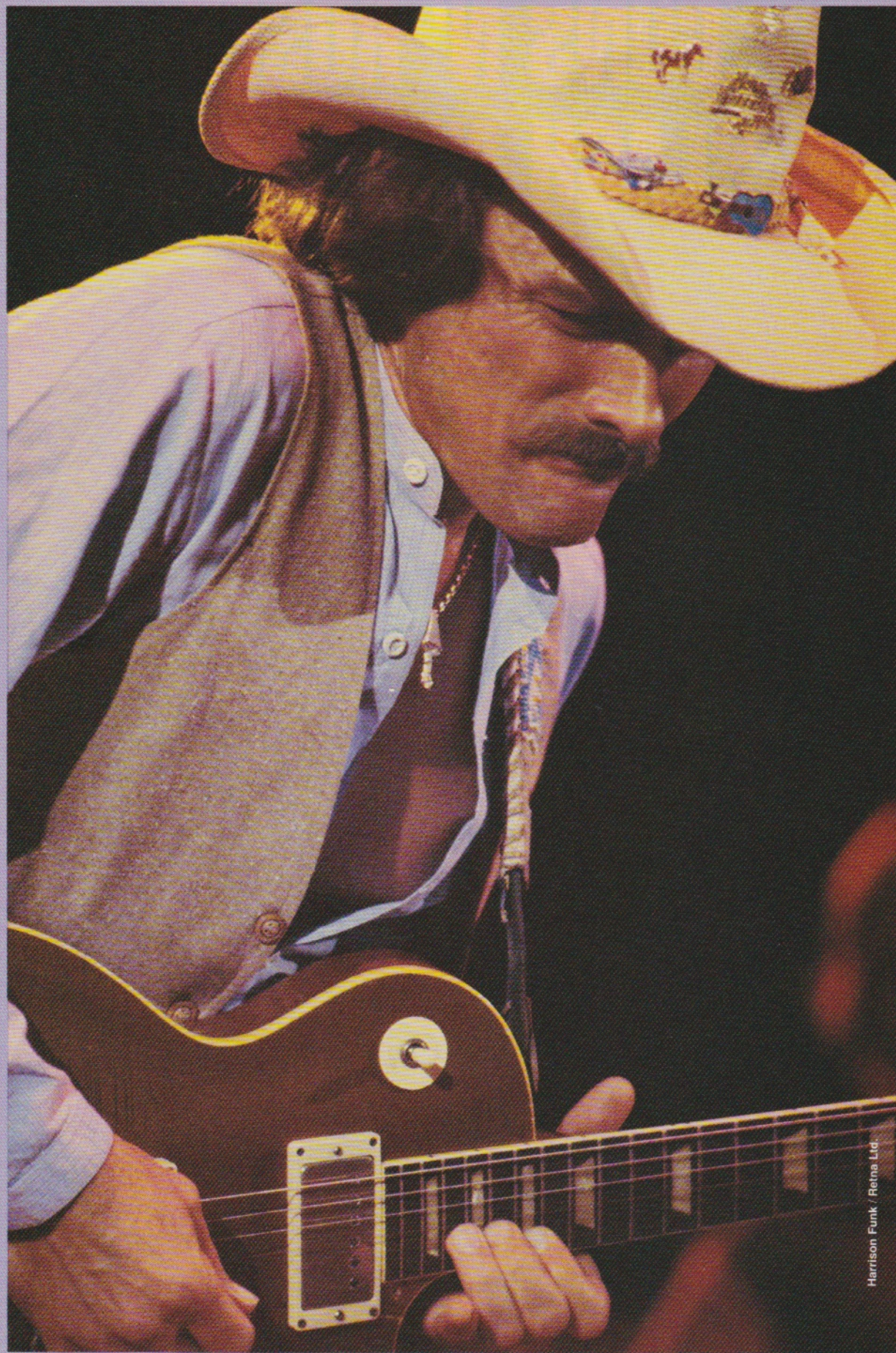


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BREAKING THE SILENCE

by John Stix

For a short few years in the late 60s and early 70s the sanctified combination of such unholy musics as blues, jazz, country and rock gave birth to Southern Rock and bands the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special, Molly Hatchet, Wet Willy and, most especially, the Allman Brothers. During their brief reign as both the originators and the essence of the genre, the guitar was king and jamming was the common denominator among players of all denominations. In 1970, the crowds that came to see the Band, the Grateful Dead and the Allmans Brothers at Watkins Glen were even larger than those at Woodstock! 1972's *The Allman Brothers Live at the Fillmore East* was not only a musical success, but a double album bonanza at retail as well. In 1972, the Allmans charted their biggest success with their *Brothers and Sisters* album, with its hit single "Rambling Man" and FM radio staple, "Jessica," both of which were penned by guitarist Dickie Betts.

With Duane Allman the blues-busting slide player, Dickie's sweet singing guitar style was the perfect contrast. As the Allman family portion of the band dug out "Statesboro Blues," Betts brought in the idea of twin guitar harmonies and the jazzy feels which sparked his instrumentals like "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed" and "Les Brel in A Minor." Then with the coming of disco on one side and personnel problems on the other (fate had already been cruel enough to the band, claiming in succeeding years, the lives of founding members, Duane Allman and Berry Oakley), the Allmans broke up, reformed and broke up again.

Aside from a temporary exploration of his more country side, with the group Great Southern, there was a silent period of seven years where Betts did not record under his own name. This pattern was disrupted by the clarion call from Epic A&R exec Michael Caplan, the man responsible for the revitalization of Gregg Allman's career, and the recording of New Orleans' finest, the Radiators. With his new album, *Pattern Disruptive*, an energized Dickie Betts has served notice to a new generation of rockin' blues enthusiasts that Stevie Ray Vaughan, Robert Cray and Jeff Healey are not the only ones who can burn white hot and blue. His is a most welcome guitar voice returning after too long a silence.

Why has it been seven years since you made a record?

I think the music trend changed in a direction where my music just wasn't suitable for what the record companies wanted to sell. I made efforts to compromise and change but it's really difficult for a player like me to do that. In other words, when I would change I wouldn't be reaching the depths that I can go to with a blues-based, Southern rock 'n' roll kind of thing. If I start to think about making it danceable, I lose all the magic to it. A lot of the demo tapes I did during that period of time weren't very impressive to the record companies, and I tend to agree with them. Michael Caplan from Epic called in November of '87 and asked me about doing a record album. He said he'd like a good Southern rock, blues-based album, with an instrumental on it. I became very excited.

So what did you do during your recording hiatus?

I went to Nashville and wrote a lot and made some contacts with the country music people. I thought I might do a country album. I have some country influences, but I'm not really a country artist. I thought there was a place for some real innovative country music and they were ready to accept a more rowdy, blues-based kind of country music, which now seems to be the way it's turning. But this was three years ago.

You played with Hank Williams Jr. there. He's not a country artist. Hank is an old friend. I knew him before he had his *Hank Williams Jr. and Friends* album. We're hunting and fishing buddies. He's obviously inspired by the Allman Brothers Band and that whole thing. On a few shows I came out and jammed with his band before he came out. That wasn't a career move, it was just fun.

What inspired you on this recording?

I think one thing was the group effort and the people involved. It was the collaboration of writing with Warren Haynes, Johnny Neel and myself. It's not Dickie Betts and unknown players. It's a real group effort. That's the strength of it. It's a team effort. I'm not trying to cover all the bases myself, which is the way any great band is. The Allman Brothers Band was the same way. Too much of the weight didn't fall on one person.

Is it luck to find the right people?

No, it's not. I've been more or less putting this band together for five or six years. Marty, the bass player, and Matt, the drummer, have been with me for almost four years. Johnny Neel was with me for two years, and then he left for about a year and a half to pursue his own career. I've known Warren for about six or seven years. He used to play with David Allan Coe. David is one of those

guys who can get away with having a great blues guitarist in a country band. I was doing some demos and Warren came in with a vocal group to do some vocal backgrounds. We got reacquainted and I went out to see his band play. I asked him if this project came together, would he be interested. He said yes. With Warren, this is our first involvement together as far as touring. Of course, he was in the album all the way, as far as songwriting, production and guitar.

Is there something about having another hot soloist that keeps you honest?

Any time you have a great musician, whether it's guitar or sax or piano, if he's pushing you, you're going to play better. With Johnny and Warren, I get it from both sides. It's good for me; it's good for them.

What's Warren's strength as a guitarist?

He's pretty diversified. In this band I guess for right now he's playing an awful lot of slide guitar and doing a lot of writing. He's very involved in arranging.

With Warren on board are you going to play any slide guitar?

No, I won't play slide. I may play some acoustic slide on the next album, like "Pony Boy." I really enjoy it. On "Lover Man" I played a 1936 National Steel body. It used to be Elvin Bishop's guitar. I don't want to bring that on the road. It's a real collector's piece. There's too much chance of it getting damaged. We'd have a lot of trouble miking it, too. Live, the Silvertone guitar is nice and easy to play. It sounds as honest and unique as the National does.

Do you like working with other guitarists?

In the very beginning, even before the Allman Brothers Band, Berry Oakley and I had Larry Reinhardt playing in our band. We did twin-guitar stuff back then. In the early ABB with Duane Allman, a lot of my writing style was geared around the two guitar players, especially the instrumental stuff. It's very difficult to find a guitar player you can work with. You have to find just the right style and right chemistry. The bands I put together haven't had two guitar players for just that reason. I've had trouble finding somebody who could be compatible. When Duane was killed, we didn't use a guitar player for years. Then I ran into Dan Toler, who I work very well with. He later joined the Allman Brothers. After that I haven't had another guitar player in any of my bands. With the bands I've had on the road for the past six years, I do the stuff with keyboards. Some of it is okay. "Elizabeth Reed" just would not work. It didn't sound right to me, so I stopped doing it.

Was "Elizabeth Reed" the first instrumental you ever wrote?

The first that was recorded. I was writing instrumental pieces when I was in grade



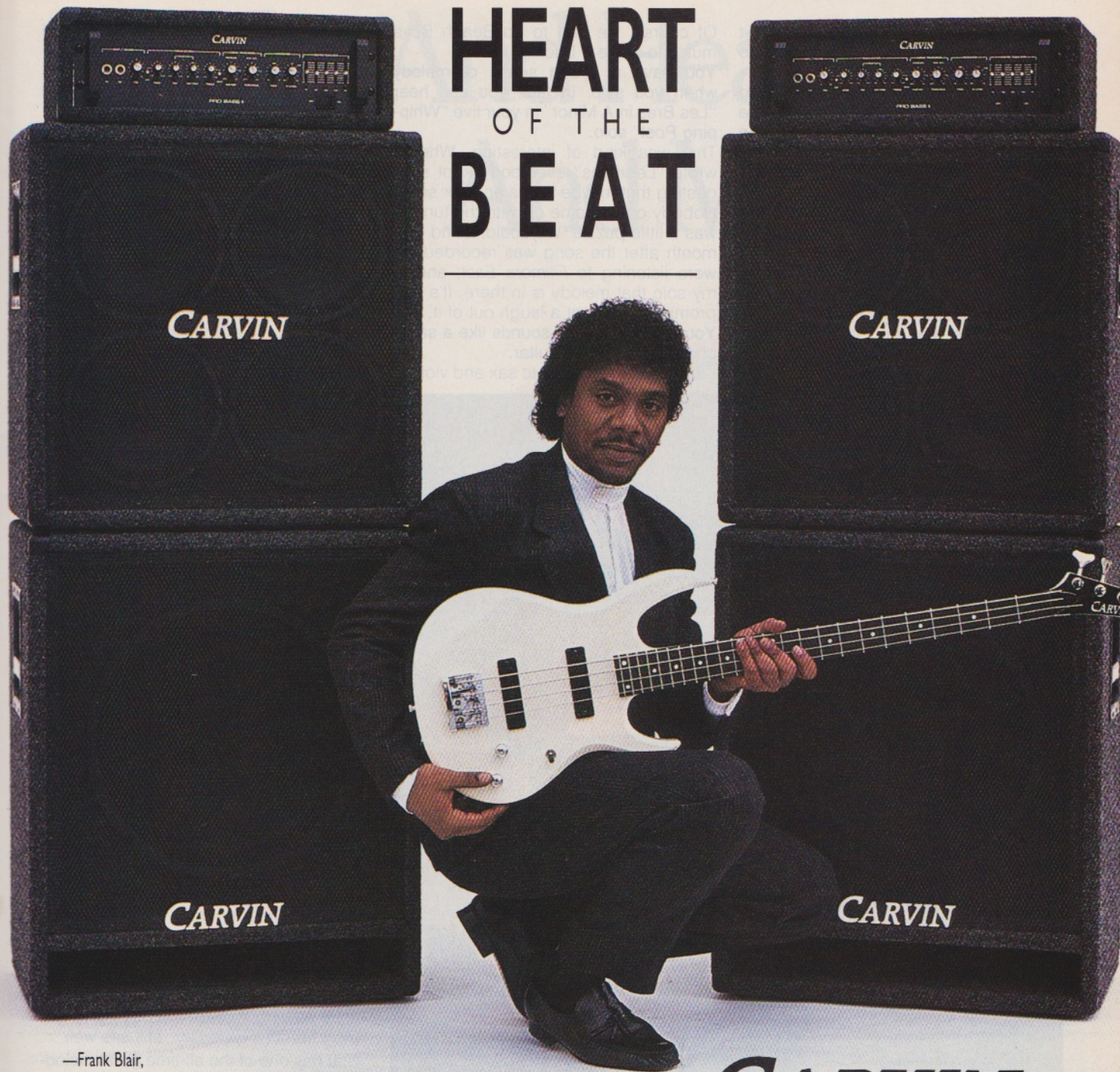
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school. "Jessica" may be a little bit Western Swing-oriented as opposed to "Elizabeth Reed."

How much of your guitar style developed in the ABB as opposed to the Jokers, the group Rick Derringer sings about in "Rock and Roll Hootchie Koo?"

Back in the Jokers, in the early 60s, I was doing copy stuff. I was also playing a lot of blues things, too. I was singing "Stormy Monday" back then. I did a lot of Lonnie Mack stuff. I was going through a real learning process then. A lot of people thought it was our band when they heard "Memphis," by Lonnie Mack. It was that kind of style. I had some ad-lib blues things that I did. I had an instrumental version of "Night Train."

Of course, we had to do Beach Boys music to make a buck.

You have a strong sense of melody when you solo. In fact, you can hear "Les Bres in A Minor" in your live "Whipping Post" solo.

That was kind of interesting. When I wrote "Les Bres" everybody kept suggesting that maybe it was another song. Nobody could come up with the tune. It was a little puzzle. We couldn't find it. A month after the song was recorded we were listening to *Fillmore East*, and in my solo that melody is in there. It's real prominent. We got a laugh out of it.

Your melodic sense sounds like a saxophone approach to guitar.

I relate the guitar a lot to sax and violin. I

loved Roland Kirk, John Coltrane and Pharoah Sanders. Roland Kirk I particularly liked, because he had a strong blues background and I could relate to what he was doing. He would keep going back to that in his jazz style. We used to see him every time he got close by. I also like to listen to old classical pieces. I'm fond of a lot of their movements, from one transition to another.

You also have a dark side, a space jam side with more dissonance.

A lot of that stuff is latin, romantic-sounding melodies. I think a lot of it has to do with just the nature of the instrument itself. It's a Spanish instrument.

Do you immediately know when you've written a winner?

I don't know whether something is a classic or a hit or not. I can tell if it works. I can tell if it does to the audience what it should. If it follows a pattern to stir the emotions. As far as I'm concerned, "Elizabeth Reed" and "Jessica" might be the strongest things I've written. "Ramblin' Man" was a great song for what it was. It was a nice, honestly written song that a lot of people could relate to. I don't compare it to "Elizabeth Reed" and "Jessica," which were legitimate pieces of music. On the new record, I would like one of my songs to be my favorite, but I think as far as vocals, "Far Cry" is my favorite. I'm also proud of the instrumental piece.

A mark of your success is that if you don't do "Ramblin' Man" in the live set nobody complains.

We haven't been doing it. We do five or six of the old songs. I love the song "Ramblin' Man," and I'm happy that people like to hear it, but the problem with it got to be that it's the only song that everybody knew and when I would do a TV show or radio jam, that's the one I would always play, because the band knew it without much rehearsing. I felt like it got wore out from time after time of doing it on national TV. I still enjoy playing it, but I was trying to get away from it. "Blue Sky" still sits well.

That has one of the all-time great melodic guitar solos. How was that done?

The Allman Brothers Band more or less recorded live in the studio. The "Blue Sky" solos went down right with the track. We were standing next to each other. We didn't lay the track down piece by piece and then go and piece it together. Some tunes you do that with. They work better that way in the studio. You take advantage of technology. On a lot of the Allman Brothers stuff we found we got a much better feel if we more or less played it live and overdubbed incidental things.

Was it Berry and you who developed the Allmans twin guitar sound?

I won't say we developed it—we were



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working in that direction. Duane and Gregg were very strongly urban blues oriented—Ray Charles, B.B. King, Albert King. Gregg's big influence is Bobby Blue Bland. They were heavily into that and Oakley and I were a little more avant garde. We were more experimental. We were influenced more at that time by the Jefferson Airplane. We would take things even further than that stuff, kind of a combination of Stanley Clarke and the Airplane. There was a lot of missing parts in both bands. We were both onto something good, but there were missing parts. When those two influences and elements came together, the strong, honest, urban blues thing and the real adventurous jazz/rock, it really made a spark.

Where was Duane's best playing on the Allman Brothers records?

Out of our recorded stuff the best of our playing is on the *Fillmore* album, because it was live and we had a great audience there and it was a great place to play.

Was there a song where he burned brightest?

Yes. I don't think it's indicative of his style and what he was great at, but I think the one place that he captured a real honesty and magic of the moment was on "Stormy Monday."

Who came up with most of the harmony lines?

You can tell the different influences. In "Blue Sky," the guitar melodies between the verses were written with the song. As far as the harmony voicings, it's just like a vocal group working to see which kind of voicing sounds the best. In "Whipping Post," the 1/4 stuff was Berry Oakley. In "Blue Sky" and the stuff that I wrote, it was usually from beginning to end pretty well written, and we just had to learn how to get the best out of it.

Was *Pattern Disruptive* recorded live too?

This record is tracked, with the exception of the instrumental. John Mattias had a definite idea about getting a drum sound. The only way he could do that was to record the band and pull everything off except bass and drums. We did have a little rub about it in the studio. We weren't sure that his idea of recording was the best. We thought it might stiffen the album up. We got to talking and realized if we didn't go along with John we were going to cut him completely out of the picture and that wouldn't have been good. So we compromised and more or less tracked the record. When we went back in to do the keyboards and guitar solos, we decided to keep the spontaneity, and instead of going one at a time, Warren and I did it side by side in the studio with Johnny. So when we're doing tradeoffs, Warren is actually standing there.

Did you talk to each other ahead of time

about what you might want to do?

It's talked about it and we had a lot of rehearsals. For the most part, it never comes off the same way. In fact, it got a lot better in the studio.

If Warren hit a great one and you hit a blooper would you save it and punch in?

No, we couldn't do that on most of it. We had to go back and do it all, which takes a little more time, but you do get that spontaneity and live energy. The live energy is probably one of the most important ingredients in the album.

How do you get your sound in the studio?

There's a lot of experimenting that goes on in the studio, in the particular room you play in with different amps. I ended up playing through my Marshall, which I don't usually do. I usually use smaller amps because you don't need all that volume. I couldn't get the particular sound that I wanted. We had a giant room. We recorded in Butch Trucks' studio in Tallahassee. The playing room is like 50x40, with a wood floor. Since we already had the drums, I had the guitar wide open through one Marshall stack.

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Do you play every day to get better?

I play quite a bit. I take time off when we're not working. On the road I play four or five hours a day.

Do you still have influences?

Yeah, Robert Cray is wonderful to listen to. Stevie Ray Vaughan is an inspiration to hear, even though he's heavily influenced by the same songs. For the real thing, the original inspiration, you tend to go back to the 30s to come up with Robert Johnson, Willie McTell, Lemon Jefferson—the old guys.

Is there a goal you are always one step behind as a player?

I don't think any player ever gets the feeling that he is where he wants to be. You always hear somebody that you feel is better than you. You always hear things that people are doing composition-wise, or in their playing, that you wish you had done or had thought of. Especially playing. I'd like to play more like Warren. He's great—that's why he's here. Warren has an originality about him which is unusual. It's very hard to be influenced and then not get so involved that you sound just like the person. It's important and unusual to find a



player who doesn't get too caught up in his contemporaries, people who are too close to him. I love Jerry Garcia's playing. I have to be careful about listening to him too much because I'll start playing more like Jerry Garcia than I do

myself. The same goes for Eric Clapton. He is my all-time favorite. I liked him best with Cream.

You've had a lot of people get up and jam with your band, and the Allmans were famous for it. Which player was your favorite to have sit in?

The Grateful Dead/Allman Brothers Band jams were history-making. They were always such giant events. My personal favorite was the first time B.B. King came and jammed with us, because he's an old influence. He is one of my fathers, as far as playing guitar. In fact, as the years went by and the Allman Brothers Band became a very powerful band, we had B.B. King open shows for us, and he would still affect the band to the point where we had trouble playing. We tried to play too clean and too elegant.

Who would you like to play with that you haven't?

I haven't crossed paths with Eric Clapton since 1970. We were hoping to get Eric to play on the instrumental.

What's your favorite song to jam on in the ABB repertoire?

In this band, "Elizabeth Reed," because it's not limiting in any way. It seems to be wide open. You never know what direction it's going to take.

What works best when people sit in?

The thing that we have to do, or anybody needs to think of when you invite people up to jam, is not to bring them up and put them in a position of having to study where the chords are going. Don't get too complicated and make them be on edge. You have to do something that it is pretty much in the style of music that they're used to playing. Something that is good to jam on is "Southbound." It's a little 12-bar blues with a complex arrangement on it, but it's not a big study, and it swings. It gives everybody a chance to play. Of course "One Way Out" and "Statesboro Blues" are standards that everybody knows.

Do you have a clear vision for the construction of your solos?

In a sense that's so intangible. You don't have a certain scale or formula that you follow. But I do try to structure it to a point of excitement and emotion. I try to keep in contact with the audience more than anything and play to them, and feel how the emotions go and see if I'm reaching anybody or not. What you're hearing is me trying to get the audience with me, to have them understand what I'm doing. As soon as I feel like I've got people following me into what I'm doing, I'll go ahead and make it more complex. They'll stay with me then.

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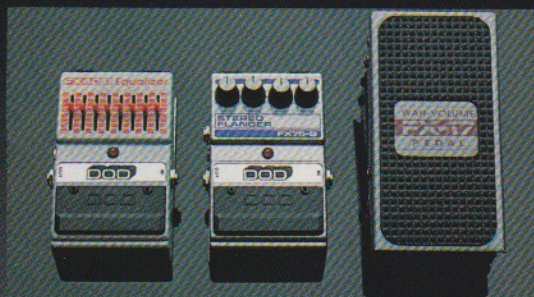
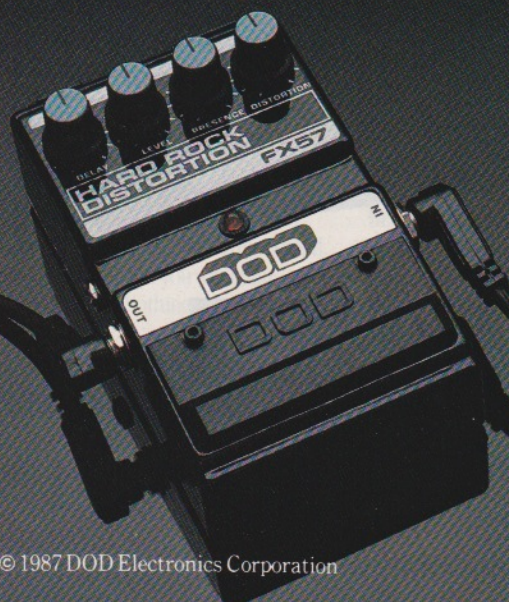
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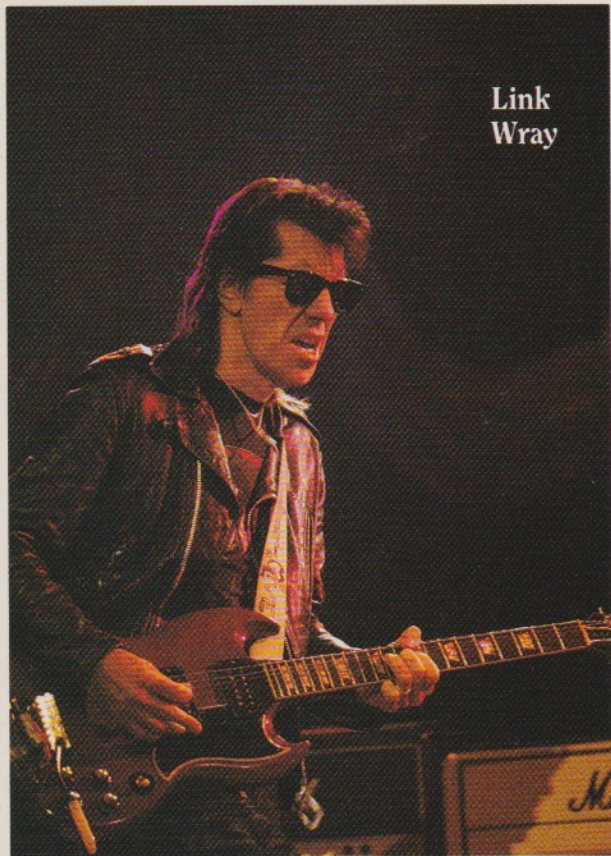
HEROES OF INSTRUMENTAL ROCK

By Wolf Marshall

Boogie: (bōōg'ē) **n.** 1. A fast blues with an interactive bass figure played in double time; loosely, any jazz, jive or swing. 2. To enjoy oneself thoroughly, *circa* 1935.

Once New York deejay Alan Freed coined the term 'rock 'n' roll' in the early 1950s, the genre became almost synonymous with vocal music. So much that the current emergence of rock guitar instrumentalists may seem like an 80's concept, but the groundwork was laid a half century ago.

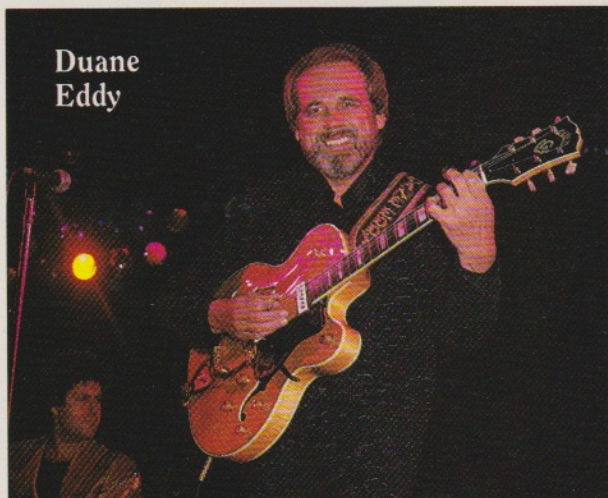
In 1946, nine years before the formal birth of rock 'n' roll, Arthur Smith had the first electric guitar instrumental hit, "Guitar Boogie," originally recorded in the 30s on acoustic guitar, and performers and listeners alike have been enjoying themselves thoroughly with boogies and guitar instrumentals ever since. The roots of instrumental rock are, of course, styles that existed before it. Specifically, country/swing (Eldon Shamblin, Chet Atkins), blues (T-Bone Walker, Guitar Slim, Clarence Gatemouth Brown), jazz (Eddie Lang, Django Rheinhardt, George Barnes, Charlie Christian) and the pop influence of Les Paul, the Granddaddy of instrumental rock guitar. Paul's inventions of multi-track recording, and the first solid body electric guitar, coupled with his experiments in massive guitar orchestration through overdubbing, came to influence and affect the future of modern music more than any performer since. Try to imagine your current favorite rock LP recorded on one track, lacking all separation, harmony guitar parts, overdubs and fills, and performed on hollow body instruments, and you can easily appreciate the magnitude of these contributions. Thanks, Les.



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In 1958, Link Wray added another element to the equation, when he punctured holes in his speakers in a primitive attempt to get what we now recognize as rock tone—the fuzz of distortion. With this sound, Wray produced the first bona-fide rock guitar instrumental hit, "Rumble," that same year, followed by "Rawhide," in 1959. But it was Duane Eddy, with his clean tone, twangy guitar, lots of reverb, and melodies played in the bass register of his Guild arch-top, who created the first signature rock guitar voice. Still the record holder, Eddy has sold over 12 million records as a rock guitar instrumentalist.

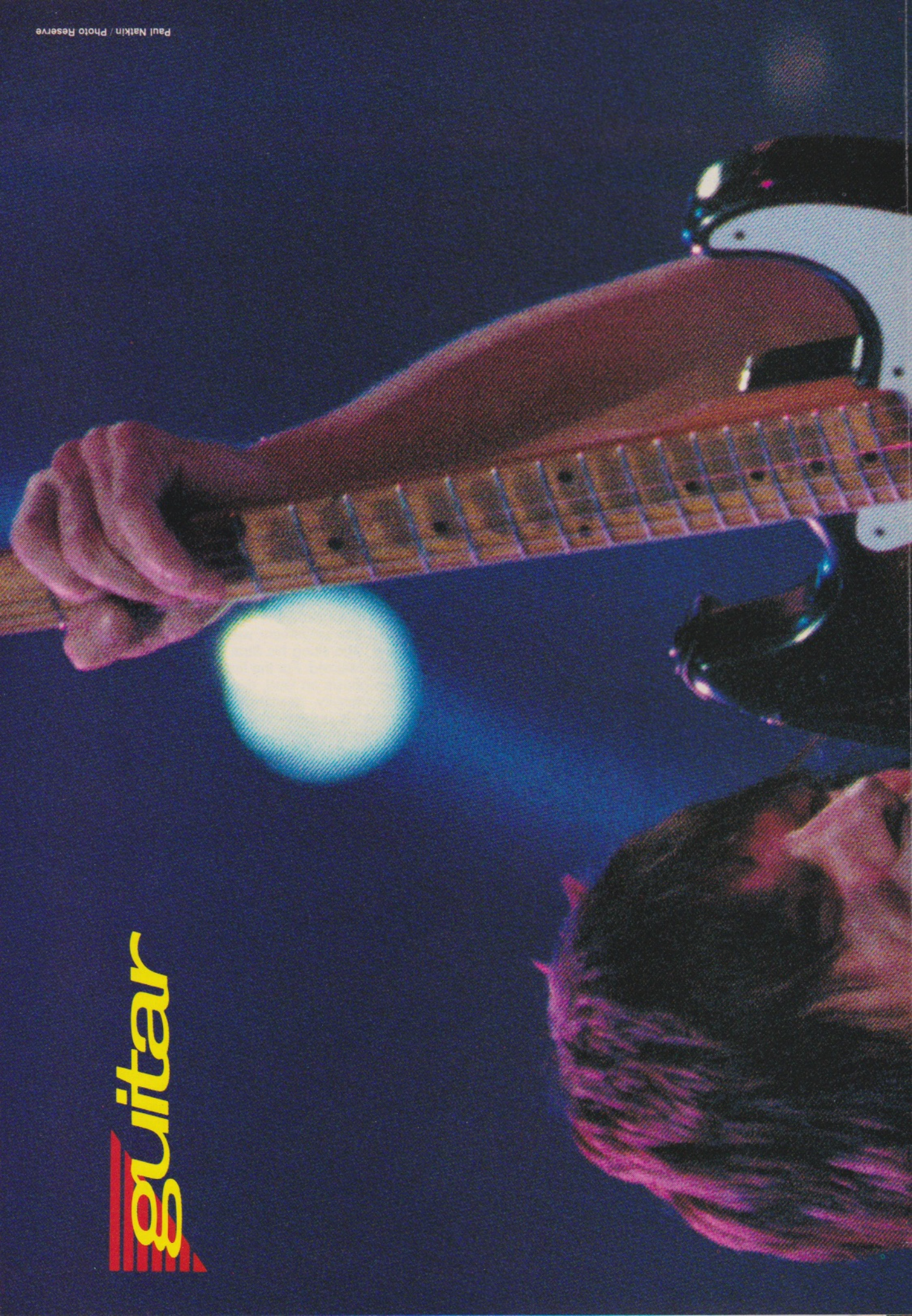


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Although Chuck Berry and Bo Diddley were essentially vocal performers, it would be virtually impossible to ignore the effect the R 'n' B (Chess and Checker) artist had on the development of instrumental rock. Bo's signature patterns are unmistakable, as are Chuck's characteristic shuffle patterns and double stops. As the decade came to a close, the instrumental rock band ethic was defined, and a greater band awareness realized with the success of the Ventures, when "Walk Don't Run" topped the charts. Leading to countless spin-offs and triggering the instrumental guitar music phenomenon, the Ventures proved how popular the concept of pure instrumental guitar hooks could be, while creating a distinct move towards the solid body Strat consciousness. Reinforcing this movement was Dick Dale, the King of the Surf Guitar, who slung his Strat with attitude, and the power of rock was realized. For the first time in popular music there was an emphasis on loud, extended guitar solos, delivered with rock intensity, drenched in reverb and an energetic recklessness of improvisation. Dick Dale was the first rock instrumentalist to ever appear on The Ed Sullivan Show, following in the hallowed footsteps of such highly successful artists as Elvis, the Beatles, the Stones, etc. Check out the early rock Eurometal inclinations in Dale's "Misirlou Twist," a heavy rock instrumental with hints of the Phrygian mode and the harmonic minor scale in the melody and chord structures as well as the obvious classical quote from Ernesto Lecuona's "Malaguena" that Dale recorded in 1963. While surf music was the dominant trend, the instrumental guitar hits poured forth. From the Chantay's "Pipeline," the Surfari's "Wipeout," the Rumlbers' "Boss," and the Pyramids' "Penetration," to the Challengers, the Astronauts and other bands of less renown. "Memphis," written by Chuck Berry, was a hit for Lonnie Mack in 1963 and provided the bridge between the rockabilly blues of the 50's and the blues/rock of the 60's, with its screaming single note blues lines and passionate, intense phrasing.

When Freddie King wrote his singable, hook-laden instrumental in 1960, he had no idea his concepts would partially motivate an important movement—the British blues/rock invasion. Not only was the John Mayall with Eric Clapton version of that song, "Hideaway," so popular that all rock guitar music was affected, but Mayall himself repeated the classic formula two more times with guitarists Peter Green ("The Stumble") and Mick Taylor ("Driving Sideways"). Under this influence, Clapton wrote his classic instrumental, "Steppin' Out" and Peter Green wrote "The Supernatural." Recently, new blues phenomenon, Jeff Healey, has done a Grammy-nominated version of "Hideaway" on his debut LP. The tune now spans three decades of music and still proves to be a viable instrumental blues/rock vehicle.



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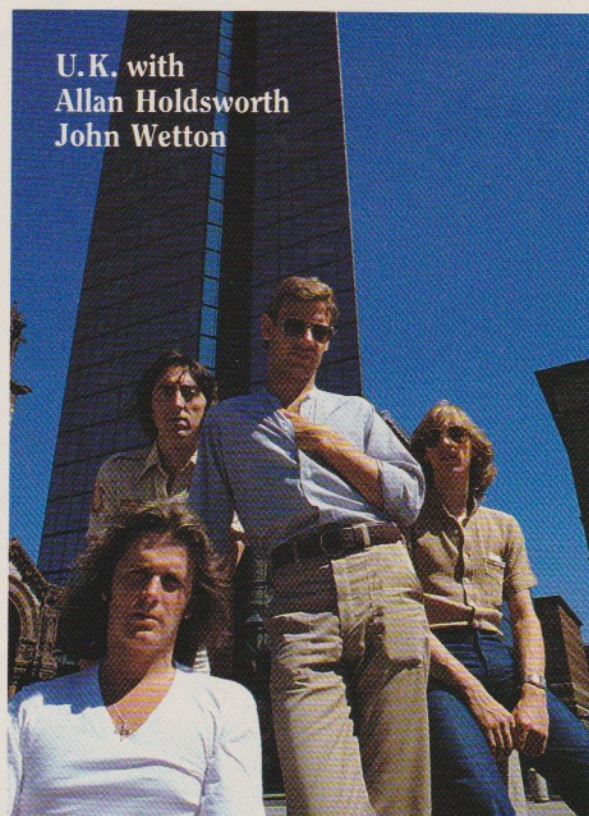
HEROES OF INSTRUMENTAL ROCK

Back to the 60's, where Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce and Ginger Baker were exploiting their individual and collective virtuosity in the first power trio super group, Cream. Their extended live improvisational soloing is particularly well-displayed in "Cat Squirrel" and "Toad." The end of the 60s brought about the advancement of the rock instrumental through the efforts of Jeff Beck, who would become very influential in the 70s with "Beck's Bolero" (*Truth*) and "Rice Pudding" (*Beckola*), and of course, the legendary Jimi Hendrix, who developed a controlled pandemonium which embraced all manner of guitar technique, vocabulary, sounds and effects with unrestrained expressiveness. Jimi's signature piece, "Third Stone from the Sun," along with his landmark guitar recitation of "The Star Spangled Banner," moved instrumental rock ahead light years.

A few years before this, Frank Zappa had appeared with the Mothers of Invention, eventually moving from psychedelic satire into largely instrumental works. Zappa became the forerunner of progressive fusion, blending elements of classical, blues, metal, jazz and modernistic approaches. An example can be found in "Peaches En Regalia" (See GUITAR, May '86). Some of his biggest fans are today's most popular performers: Billy Sheehan, Joe Satriani and Steve Vai.

The Art rock movement began to gain momentum through the success of bands such as Yes, Genesis, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, Jethro Tull, King Crimson and Gentle Giant, yielding some very important instrumentalists, among them, Steve Howe, Robert Fripp, Steve Hackett, Phil Collins, Peter Gabbriel and Bill Bruford.

The instrumental music of the 70's set a new standard in terms of the expansion of harmony, formal complexity and technical prowess. Reflecting the Miles Davis influence on rock, the jazz/rock-fusion school was born. The work of John McLaughlin with the Manavishnu Orchestra and Al Dimeola



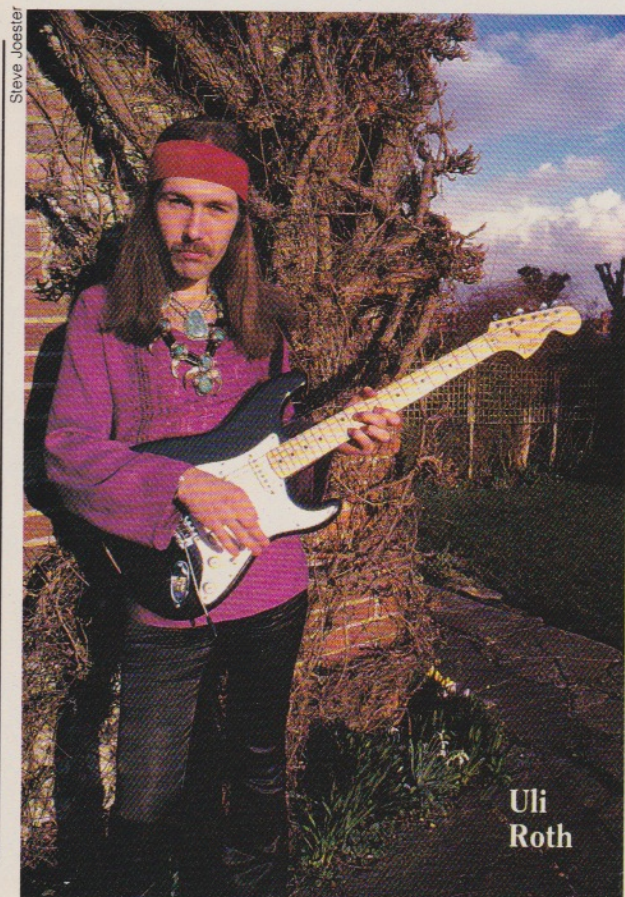
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with Chick Corea's *Return To Forever* profoundly affected rock instrumental music, coaxing Jeff Beck to pursue the direction leading to the watershed recordings *Blow by Blow* and *Wired*, celebrating the marriage of British blues/rock guitar style to jazz/rock-fusion synthesizer grooves, and manifesting itself in the high-tech strides made on the instrument by Larry Carlton and the L.A. fusion crowd, Gary Moore (*Colosseum II*), Tommy Bolin (*Spectrum*), Allan Holdsworth and Steve Morse. The ECM school of Pat Metheny, Mick Goodrick, et al, presaged the sound of textural rock found in the works of Andy Summers, Steve Stevens and Adrian Belew, as well as the currently unfolding medium of New Age rock. So important and influential was this movement of fusion instrumental music that it really warrants more space than can be allotted here. But to capsule it briefly, emphasis should be made on three significant components and/or developments resulting from this musical awakening: Virtuosity, the rebirth of a predominantly instrumental trend in guitar music, and the profound effect it had on the performers of its time. Even the new power trios, most notably, Rush and Triumph, had their instrumental offerings, presented to the more mainstream rock audiences by guitarists Alex Lifeson and Rik Emmett.

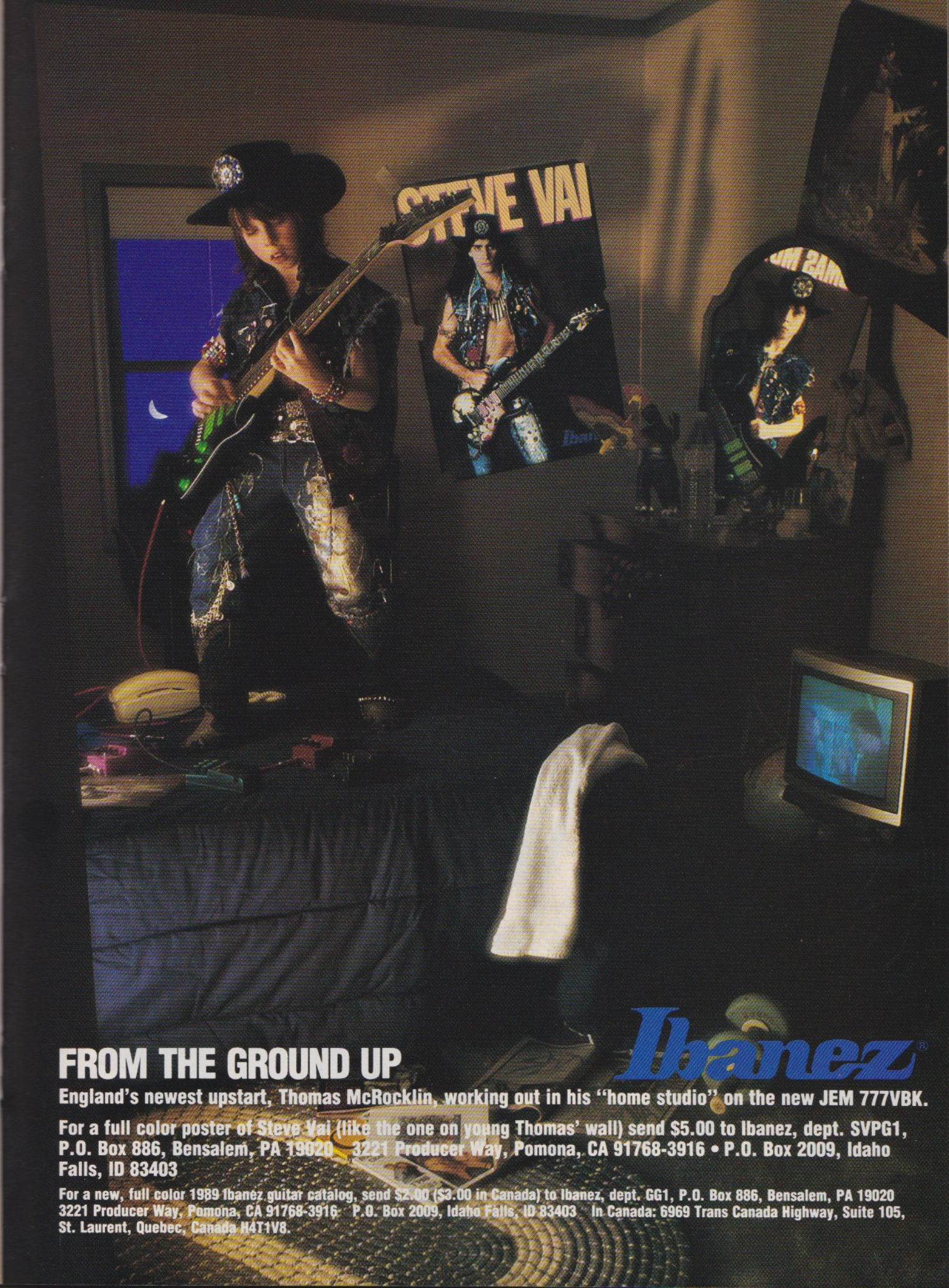
Similarly, the emerging Eurometal artists expanded their musical vocabulary by introducing classical quotes and harmonic language into rock, much in the way that the fusion players incorporated jazz into the genre. When guitarist Uli Roth left the Scorpions and formed the band Electric Sun, it was classical music meets Hendrix. The sustaining guitar voice required to perform intricate violin melodies was realized when Roth quoted Tchaikovsky's piano concerto in Bb minor on his *Earthquake* recording. Ritchie Blackmore utilized slide guitar to quote Beethoven in Rainbow's "Difficult to Cure" and Michael Schenker brought classical and Baroque influences into some of his most notable works, "Captain Nemo," "Bijou Pleasurette" and "Into the Arena" (See GUITAR, January, '88).

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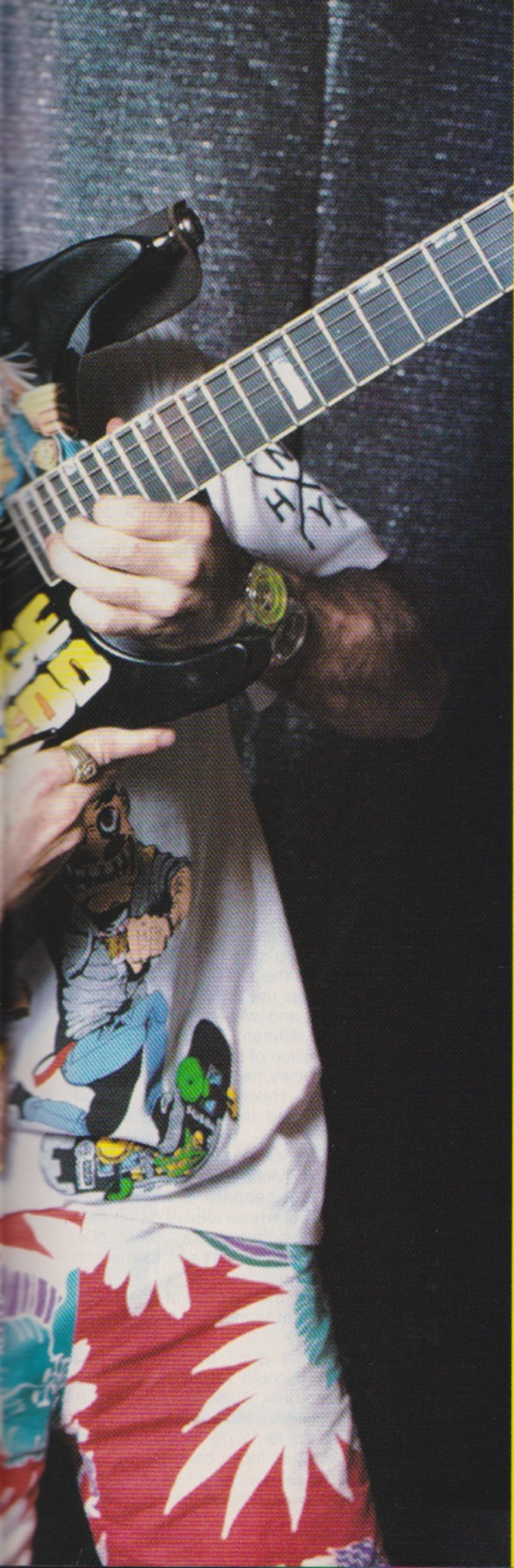
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In the murky half-light, where thrash metal meets hardcore, down along the docks of four a.m., and the axe-wielding soloist meets the undulating slamdancer on the point of a fire-breathing Strat, Anthrax has carved an antic niche for itself, somewhere West of the Ramones, East of Metallica. Disdaining both the violent punk anarchy of bands like the Sex Pistols and the pseudo mysticism and devil worship of traditional metal's more sheeplike hordes, Anthrax offer abrasive, socio-political sarcasm, a saber dance always on the edge of control. While most hardcore musicians agree that Anthrax are some of the best musicians playing the style, they condemn their Three Stoogian personas, but, as true scholars and con men well know, the contribution of the Three Stooges to the literature of aggression and angst is virtually unsurpassed in the annals of adolescence. Additionally, the members of Anthrax consider as among their favorite bands, deep hardcore favorites like Murphy's Law. We sent Music Editor Andy Aledort down to the nether end of the night, to deke it out with Anthrax's guitarists, Scott Ian and Dan Spitz. He filed this report.

One thing that is true about New York City is that it's always had a thriving hardcore scene, although there is a difference between hardcore and thrash.

SCOTT: There has always been a hardcore scene in New York, but it only goes to a certain level, I think. Look at the Ramones. They can only get to a certain point, it seems, and they can never go any further, and look how long they've been around. That's a problem with being labeled a hardcore band. It seems a lot of hardcore bands get stuck at a certain level. I don't know why that is. I don't know why Anthrax doesn't get played on radio. There are invisible walls, certain things just are the way they are and they never seem to

change. We're getting successful by touring and by putting out albums; that's what we want to do. We don't care about radio, we don't care about anything else.

DAN: We just played what we liked to play and we weren't going to change just to get on the radio. We play to please ourselves and hopefully somebody else who listens will like it. It just seems as though a lot of people are liking it now.

Do you think your success will open doors for other bands?

DAN: In a lot of ways it already has, because it's a lot easier for bands to get signed right now. When we started, it was totally impossible. Nobody ever

recognized this music as music, and didn't want to put it out.

The music has proven itself, and it's proven itself in a short amount of time.

SCOTT: That's the thing. Respect is the hardest thing to come by. We have a gold record—*I'm the Man* went gold, *Among the Living* is about to go gold, the new album is almost gold—and we still have to fight for respect. It still doesn't come easy at all. People might think we're big time now and we made it, meanwhile we still don't get in magazines as much as 99 other bands.

DAN: You gotta stick it out, man.

SCOTT: That's the toughest thing. You have to keep doing what you're doing and eventually you'll start to sell records and people will say, "Hey, this is happening."

DAN: We'd just like to let the kids know that you do have to break down that wall.

How do you think thrash relates to heavy metal?

SCOTT: When we started, we were a heavy metal band, because that's what we knew from. We knew from Black Sabbath and Maiden and Priest. When we started writing in 1983, things were getting kind of stagnant and we felt the whole genre of heavy metal needed a kick in the ass. We always considered ourselves a metal band, but because we sound different—I mean, we sound different from Iron Maiden, obviously, and Iron Maiden sounds different from Bon Jovi—you need to classify things. It all comes under heavy metal, I guess, but if you call Anthrax "Heavy Metal," then Bon Jovi couldn't be heavy metal, so that's where thrash metal and speed metal came from, and you have glam metal and pop metal.

DAN: At the same time we started writing it was the big L.A. explosion of glam-rock, and what we were playing was totally different. Then there was the other explosion of the Van Halen kind of bands, so they had to classify in three areas: Van Halen-type heavy metal, glam-rock, and the Anthrax, Metallica stuff.

SCOTT: Pick up the new *Billboard*, it says "Heavy Metal rules the charts. Bon Jovi and Def Leppard at number one and two." But whose idea of heavy metal is that? If you asked Bon Jovi and Def Leppard, they wouldn't call themselves heavy metal bands.

Do you think the success of your music poses a threat to more traditional heavy metal bands?

SCOTT: I don't think it poses a threat, but I could see in three or four years from now, Anthrax being considered mainstream heavy metal.

DAN: We're doing it in almost the same way that those bands did it, with



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virtually no radio play and fourteen months of touring, and not relying on videos, which weren't really around in those days except for maybe *Don Kirshner's Rock Concert*. We're doing it in the same way, and our music is an aggressive kind of heavy metal.

SCOTT: We just look at it as the next step.

DAN: The next plateau. Back then the kids listened to Creedence Clearwater, and then, all of a sudden there was Maiden, Priest and Black Sabbath.

SCOTT: In the 70s you had Sabbath, then Kiss, and towards the late 70s was the British explosion, when Leppard, Maiden and Priest came out. We're the next generation. In five years, some-

thing new will happen.

Lyrical, you guys really want to say something relevant to the times. In all your songs you express a strong opinion about something.

SCOTT: Well, the words have to be as strong as the music. We have a really hard sound and it wouldn't make sense for us not to have strong lyrics. Some bands think the music is more important than the lyrics, but for us, each has to be as strong as the other.

This is something that sets your music apart from typical heavy metal. Socially conscious lyrics is something that punk music was all about.

SCOTT: Because they were speaking about real things. In the glory days

of heavy metal, the lyrics were always a "fantasy" thing, with the satanic side, rainbows, this and that... and for me, when I listened to that stuff, I never really cared about the lyrics. I got into heavy metal 'cause I loved the guitar, but the lyrics meant absolutely nothing to me. I guess stuff like the Ramones and the Sex Pistols, lyrically, was the opposite of heavy metal. The music had a hard edge, but they were speaking about real things, and that's the way we are. If we read something in the newspaper and feel strongly about it, we say, "Hey, let's say something about this," and get an opinion or a point across that we feel our audience should learn about, or just bring it up to them so they can make their own decision.

DAN: The kids who are listening aren't as stupid as people think they are. They don't want to read the typical lyrics time after time. If you come to an Anthrax show, you'll see almost every kid singing every goddamn word.

SCOTT: We just want people to think. We want people to use their brains and have an idea of what's going on in the world. There's a lot more important things going on in the world than fast cars and women and sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. There's 99 other bands that can deal with that subject.

"Make Me Laugh" has some great lyrics: "God says, 'Have a T.V. show,' God says, 'Baby, do some blow.'"

SCOTT: That's something that's been in the news for the last year and a half, so that was a good thing to write about 'cause that's a wide open area. You can get really vicious against these guys.

How does the music shape the lyric and vice versa?

SCOTT: We write all the music first. Actually, the first thing is titles. We'll have a list of titles and that gives you an idea. Charlie (Benante) will come up with a title and that will put an idea in my head. He might not have any specific point of view in mind of what the song should be about, but he'll have a title, something that sounds good to him. I'll connect it with something. Then we write all the music, and once it's done, you just hear things; something has a certain sound to it, and you just know what goes with what—it's natural.

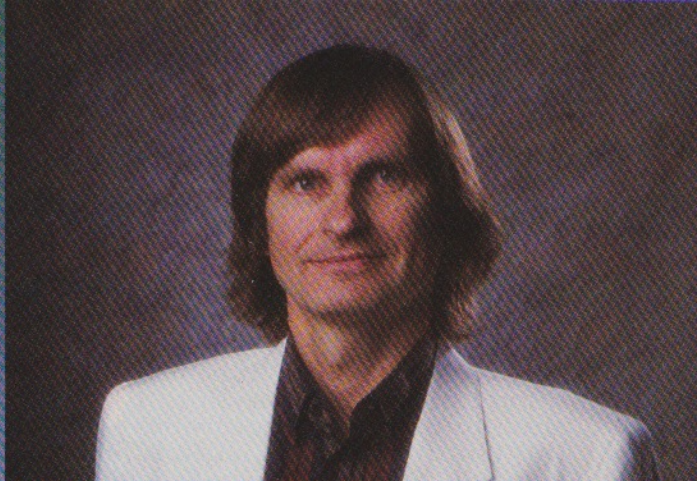
DAN: After the music is done, the lyrics are added, and then the music is changed a little bit, making verses or choruses longer or shorter or switched around. Then it's done and we go to the studio and it's not changed.

A lot of your songs are very complex, with many different, seemingly incongruous sections. Do you ever throw out the formula and try to simplify to the point where a song will have, say, only two different sections?



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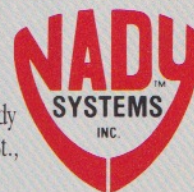
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SCOTT: It's all feeling. There's no formula for that at all. When a song's coming together, you'll have riffs and it's all feeling whether one riff fits with another or whether a time change works. It's not like pieces of a puzzle and we force the pieces to fit. We don't write ten riffs and say that they all have to go into the song. You just know.

DAN: Someone will come in with a riff and we'll play it and put it next to another part and if it doesn't sound right, you can it.

SCOTT: It always starts with one riff and from that it just goes; you hear that riff and you know how a certain thing should sound following it.

DAN: Obviously, it's harder at first,

but as you go along as a band it gets a lot easier.

Do you ever feel like you're falling in a rut of using proven formulas, like having the song start slow, followed by a fast part, then a medium tempo?

DAN: We're very aware of that, definitely.

SCOTT: That's where we have to be our own strongest critics. When we're writing, the last thing we want to do is repeat ourselves. That would be the worst thing for us. We always want to do something fresh. Every song should be its own song.

DAN: You have to be extremely aware, especially nowadays. You have

to be careful not to rip anyone else off, or yourself.

SCOTT: It's not easy. When we start writing, it's a real slow process. Once we get into it, things go a little easier, but those first couple of days, everyone will have ideas and we'll be in a studio and it's, "What do we got?" And everyone just sort of looks at each other.

DAN: Usually what happens is, the first song we write. . .

SCOTT: . . . usually gets canned.

DAN: Either we can the whole song or we might take one riff out of it and use it somewhere else.

SCOTT: It always seems to work that way.

DAN: We don't write 15 songs for a nine song album. We write nine songs and put our best into those nine songs. We could write 15 songs but we don't see why, when you can take the best stuff out of those 15 and put it into nine.

SCOTT: And then when we're done with the album, the first thing I think of is, what do we do next time? What happens if there's no riffs? But then, you know, a year down the line or so, stuff just starts to come. I guess that's why we're in a band.

Scott's the big worrier in the band?

DAN: Yeah, he is a pretty good worrier.

SCOTT: I listen to *State of Euphoria* and it's done and I think, well, we got two years to come up with something else!

DAN: Like we've pumped out every riff that's inside of us.

SCOTT: What are we gonna do? I always think, "God, what happens if nobody could write another riff?!" When I'm writing lyrics, I'll hit a wall and get headaches.

DAN: Or he passes out on the floor.

SCOTT: I flip out. I get anxiety attacks. It gets really bad. My brain is just flipping around inside my head sometimes.

DAN: When we sat down to do this album, we were gonna take our time for the first time and be totally aware of what we're doing and not let anything get by that we really didn't like. The structures of the songs had to be perfect. We weren't gonna settle for anything less this time, whereas in the past we've been rushed and had deadlines. But this time we had the whole free reign.

SCOTT: This is the first time we've had 100% freedom. For every album—*Fistful of Metal*, *Spreading the Disease* and *Among the Living*—there was always something that somebody wasn't happy about and our decision with *State of Euphoria* was that we weren't gonna leave the studio until everybody was happy with the album. We didn't want

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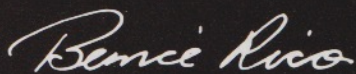
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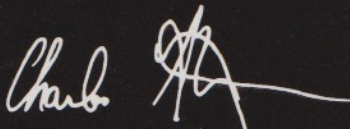
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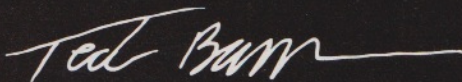
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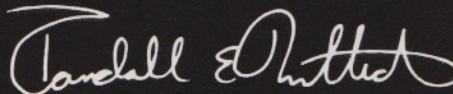
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any ifs, ands or buts three weeks after we finished—and it's worked. There hasn't been a complaint yet.

DAN: It's the first album where we can't decide what not to play in the opening set with Ozzy. Everyone likes every song. It's really hard, 'cause with the last album, the day we were done with it, we knew which songs we liked better than others.

Dan, the last time I interviewed you, you were using a very scalar approach to your soloing, emphasizing the fifth mode of harmonic minor and the Aeolian mode. Have you continued to study theory or are you leaning more on your gut instincts?

DAN: For this album I took a totally

different approach. I went more for feeling than speed. I've gotten away from the Arabian kind of scales this time, and I used more straightforward pentatonics mixed with jazz minor, using more bending, more feeling. This fits the songs a million times better, and I also made sure when we were writing the lead parts to the songs that they fit and were structured properly and had a steady key to them, because in this music in the past, I've run into problems. The worst problem is that the music is paced very fast, and sometimes during the lead break there'll be varying keys or no key because the rhythm changes so fast. It's hard to play lead over that, so this time I made sure it was the perfect

thing to play over. I like to shift at certain times, with certain feelings and certain time signatures, but it's got to be *right*. Did it take long to get the sound you liked and to get the record recorded?

SCOTT: Seven weeks—done. Which for us was a long time, but for certain bands that's like a weekend.

DAN: We could've taken seven months if we wanted to.

SCOTT: But then the album would suck because it'd be stale and old.

DAN: We could have done whatever we wanted, but the way we record is, before we get in the studio, the songs are done. We just need the people that can get our live sound onto tape. It's not like we're going in soul-searching for a sound when we're in there.

Did you record the whole band live?

SCOTT: It's all tracks, but I'll do three or four more tracks of rhythm on top of it. Drums, bass and guitar go down at once, but the bass and guitar usually end up as scratch tracks.

DAN: But they all play together in a live kind of situation.

What's your studio set-up?

DAN: Like last time, I'm sticking with Mesa Boogie Mark III's that are a little bit modified and they're older. I used to use Marshalls and Kirk (Hammett) from Metallica turned me on to Boogies. I called Boogie up and they sent me some of the first III's that came out, and they just *killed*, they *crushed*, and I was amazed. From there my set-up is pretty elaborate. In the studio it's pretty simple. I use two Mark III heads into a Strategy 400 power amp, which is a 400-watt stereo power amp, and each Boogie head has load resistors on it. From the Strategy it goes into the speaker cabinets. There are no effects in line, it's just my Boogie sound the way I have it set up, between the e.q. and the amp itself. We usually end up using one mike on one speaker for the lead sound. I use four 4x12" cabinets in the studio, loaded with old 80-watt Celestions. I've never heard a cabinet that sounded like it. Marshall sent us tons of cabinets to try, and some of the same 320-watt cabinets, and nothing has sounded like my old cabinets. I don't know what it is, I guess it's just the camouflage we put on 'em. Guitarwise, I've been using Jacksons for about nine years now, mostly the Randy Rhoads Flying V. They cut them down real small and the necks are small. I use old EMG pickups that I acquired when I was working on 48th Street five or six years ago.

So you're not using any effects?

DAN: There's a few things that we use in the studio that I'd rather not disclose, which help to capture the actual sound that is coming out of my amp.

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Chord diagrams for the song:

- E^b5 6fr. (1134)
- D5^V 5fr. (1134)
- C5 3fr. (1134)
- F5 8fr. (1134)
- E5^{VII} 7fr. (1134)
- B^b5 6fr. (134)
- A5 5fr. (134)
- G5 3fr. (134)
- F5^I 1fr. (134)
- E5 34 (11)
- D5 134
- C5 (type 2) 3fr. (134)
- B5 2fr. (134)
- C5^{VIII} 8fr. (134)
- B5^{VII} 7fr. (134)
- D5 (type 3) 5fr. (134)
- E5 (type 3) 7fr. (134)
- G5^X 10fr. (1134)
- F[#]5 9fr. (1134)

Intro Moderately Slow Rock ♩ = 96

N.C.
Cello (arr. for gtr.)

Intro musical notation (Cello part):

Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), F5 (half), E5^{VII} (half), B^b5 (half), A5 (half), G5 (half), F5^I (half), E5 (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*, *pp* → *mp*, *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

Staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Notes: 6 (half), 5 (half), 6 (half), 5 (half), 3 (half), 5 (half), 8 (half), 7 (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

*Fade in w/vol. control to simulate bowing.

Gtr. I musical notation:

Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), F5 (half), E5^{VII} (half), F5 (half), E5^{VII} (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

Staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Notes: 6 (half), 5 (half), 6 (half), 5 (half), 3 (half), 5 (half), 8 (half), 7 (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

Double - time ♩ = 208

(Both gtrs.)

Double-time musical notation (Both gtrs.):

Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), F5 (half), E5^{VII} (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

Staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Notes: 6 (half), 5 (half), 6 (half), 5 (half), 3 (half), 5 (half), 8 (half), 7 (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

1st Verse

© open

B^b5 A5

B^b5 A5

E

G5 A5

N.C.

Rhy. Fig. 1

sl. P.M. - - - - -

sl. P.M. - - - - -

sl. P.M. - - - - -

sl. P.M. - - - - -

Yes, no, yes, no. Not an - oth - er word, -

Double-time musical notation (Both gtrs.):

Staff 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), E^b5 (half), D5^V (half), C5 (half), D5^V (half), F5 (half), E5^{VII} (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

Staff 2: Bass clef, 4/4 time. Notes: 6 (half), 5 (half), 6 (half), 5 (half), 3 (half), 5 (half), 8 (half), 7 (half). Dynamics: *pp* → *mp*. Slurs: *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*, *sl.*.

B♭5 A5 B♭5 A5 ⑥open E G5 A5 ⑥open E F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5
 you'll know what to do. Right! In your face they

F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5 B♭5 A5 B♭5 A5 G5 A5
 see it. In their face you... Take it. Make up their minds, Ag-

B♭5 A5 B♭5 A5 G5 A5 ⑥open E F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5
 gres - sion turns the screws. Fight! Take your piece and

F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5 ⑥open G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E ⑥open
 hold it. Make your piece and stand up,

⑥open G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E ⑥open G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E ⑥open
 you know what it means. Wake up,

⑥open G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E (end Pre-chorus Rhy. Fig 1) F5¹ E5 F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3)
 time to live your dreams. Down by law and they can't hold

F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3) F5¹ E5 F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3)
 — you, dic - tate and con - trol — you. Hold on - to your i -

C5^{VIII} B5^{VII} F5¹ E5 F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3)
 de - as. Down by law and no one owns

⑥open F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3) F5¹ E5 F5¹ E5 D5 (type 3) E5 (type 3)
 — you and all the shit they've thrown — you. Pay back is a real

C5^{VIII} B5^{VII} F5^I G5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5

bitch. Noth-ing's ev - er eas - y when you do it your - self.

F5^I G5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 F5^I G5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5

All you can do is try. Life's not un - fair, life's just life.

F5^I G5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 F5^I G5 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5

Death not su - i - cide. Be all, and you'll be the end.

Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V

all. Life can be a real ball. State of mind. Eu -

F5 E5^{VII} Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V

pho - ri - a. Be all, and you'll be the end.

Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V Eb5 D5^V C5 D5^V

all. Life can be a real ball. State of mind. Eu -

F5 E5^{VII} 2nd time to Coda 2nd Verse w/Rhy. Fig. 1 Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 E G5 A5

pho - ri - a. Think on your feet and

Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 E G5 A5 E F5^I E5 E F5^I E5 D5 E5

stay one step a - head. Break! Take your brain and

Bb5 A5 Bb5 A5 E G5 A5 Bb5 A5 G5 A5

use it. Take their mind and... Change an at - ti - tude.

B♭5 A5 B♭5 A5 G5 A5 E F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5
 like you'd change your shorts... Right! In your face they
 F5¹ E5 E F5¹ E5 D5 E5 G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E
 see it. In their pace you... Stand up,
 G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E
 you know what it means... Wake up,
 G5 E F5¹ (type 2) C5 B5 E5 E D.S. al Coda Coda E5^{VII}
 time to live your dreams... a.

Slower ♩ = 184
N.C.

P.M.-----4
 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Slightly slower ♩ = 176
N.C.

P.M.-----4
 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

G5 N.C. F5 C5 B5
 P.M.-----4
 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
 3 0 0 0 1 3 3 3 4 2

E5 N.C. Play 4 times G5 F5 C5 B5 N.C. (E5)
 Al - ways tak - ing, al - ways fak - ing.

P.M.-----4 P.M. P.M.-----4 P.M.-----4
 2 10 9 8 7 0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 5 4 10 9 8 7 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

sl.

G5 F5 C5 B5 N.C. (E5) G5 F5 C5 B5

Ig - no - rance is so frus - trat - ing. Al - ways tak - ing,

P.M. P.M. P.M.

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 5 4
5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 2
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

10 9 (9)
8 7 (7) 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 5 4
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 3 2

sl.

N.C. (E5) G5 F5 C5 B5 N.C. (E5)

al - ways fak - ing. Ig - no - rance is no way, no way,
(Both gtrs.)

P.M. P.M. P.M.

10 9 (9)
8 7 (7) 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 5 4
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 3 2

10 9 10 9
8 7 8 7

sl.

Faster ♩ = 208

Guitar solo

Gtr. II Rhy. Fig. 3

F5 D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open} F5 E D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open} F5 D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open}

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

no way, no way — out!

Gtr. I

P.M.

10 9 10 9
8 7 8 7

4 5 7 5 7 8 6 7 9 10 7 9 7 9 10

F5 E^{⑥open} D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open} F5 D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open} F5 E D5^v E5^{vii} E^{⑥open} G5^x

P.M. P.M. P.M. P.M.

9 12 10 4 5 7 5 7 8 6 7 9 9 (9) 7 9 9 7 9

P P 3 P

F#5

(Both gtrs.)

w/Rhy. Fig. 5 (2 times)

F#5 (end Rhy. Fig. 5) F5 E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII}

Oh. Full trem. bar Full Full Full Full sl. Full

Full (7) 9 7 9 7 9 19 21 21

F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} G5^x

Oh. Full Oh. Full Oh. Full Oh. Full

Full sl. Full Full Full sl. Full

19 21 21 19 21 14 16 16 14 16 8 10

F#5 F5 E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII}

oh! Oh. Full trem. bar Full Full Full Full sl. Full

Full (7) 9 7 9 7 9 19 21 21

F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} F5 E5^{VII} D5^V E5^{VII} G5^x

Oh. Full Oh. Full 1/2 Full Oh. Full 3

Full Full 1/2 Full Full

19 21 21 19 21 17 20 20 19 20 22 21 19 22 21 19 21 19 18 21 19 18 18 17

Chorus
w/Rhy. Fig. 2

F#5 Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v

oh! Be all, and you'll be the end—

8va-----

loco

sl. ~~~~~

22 19 18 18 17 15 18 16 15 (18) 18 17 13 14 (14)

Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v

— all. Life can be a real — ball. State of mind — Eu -

F5 E5^{vii} Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v

pho - ri - a. Be all, and you'll be the end—

Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v Eb5 D5^v C5 D5^v

— all. Life can be a real — ball. State of mind —

F5 E5^{vii} C5 D5 F5 E5^{vii}

Eu - pho - ri - a. rit. -----

Half-time ♩ = 96

dim.

Cello (arr. for gtr.)

*pp < mf sl. sl. sl. rit. ----- *pp < mf sl.

6 5 6 5 3 5 6 8

sl. sl. sl. sl.

*Fade in w/vol. control to simulate bowing.

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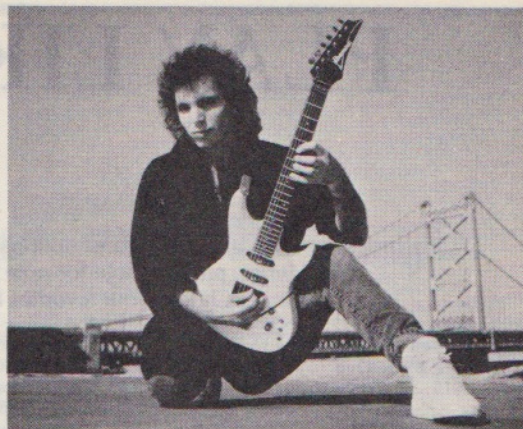
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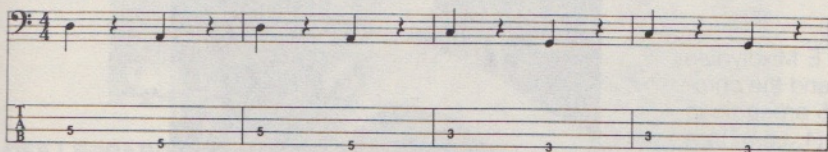
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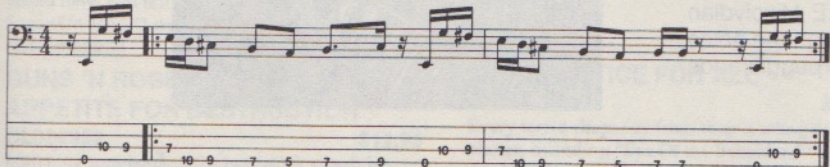
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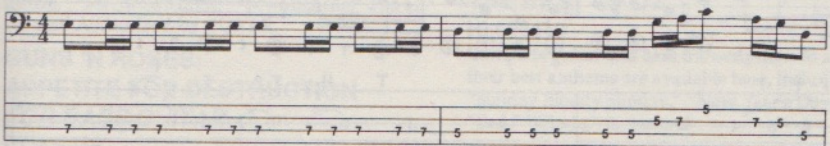
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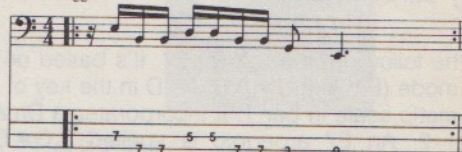
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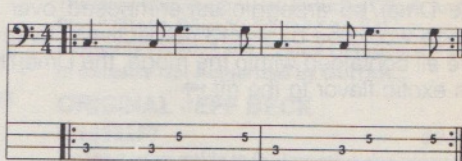
Ex. 3 Rock



Ex. 4 Reggae



Ex. 5 Bossa Nova



Ex. 6 Samba



Knowing about different types of rhythmic ideas as found in musical styles such as country, soul, funk, rock, reggae and latin can be essential to your career as a bassist. Lead and melody instruments rely on a tight rhythm section in order to sound good. Ex. 1 is a country style bass line. Notice the accents fall on beats one and three as opposed to the more conventional rock and funk examples, where the accents fall on two and four. To pick up on a modern country bass line, listen to "Pride O' the Farm," by the Dregs. Ex. 2 is a funk and soul bass line similar to the new James Brown song "I'm Real." Ex. 3 features a typical heavy metal rock rhythm, where the eighth note is followed by two sixteenth notes. This is the staple for Steve Harris in Iron Maiden. Notice that in a reggae rhythm the bass line always starts on the upbeat of one. See Ex. 4. Listen to any Bob Marley record to hear the finest in reggae bass lines. There are two main types of rhythms used in latin music, the Samba and the Bossa Nova. The Bossa Nova rhythm of Ex. 5 can be heard on the Steely Dan song "Rikki Don't Lose That Number." The Samba is a faster version of the Bossa Nova and often uses more than just the standard root to fifth combination. See Ex. 6. For more with the Samba, listen to the appropriately named "Rio Samba," from the Larry Carlton album, also known as the 335 album. Play all these examples with a drummer or machine and experiment with your own

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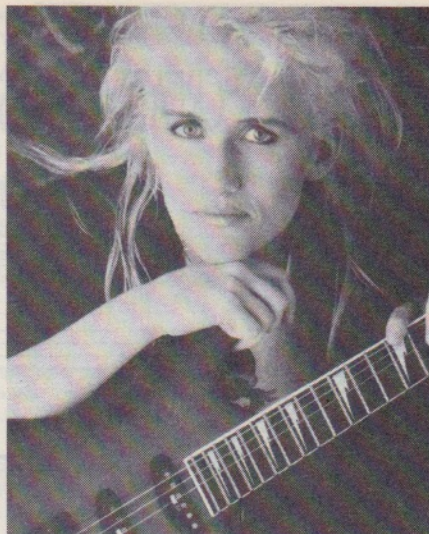
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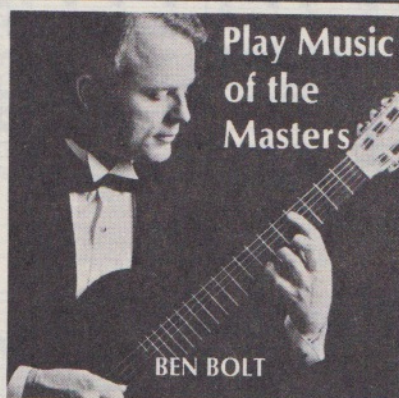


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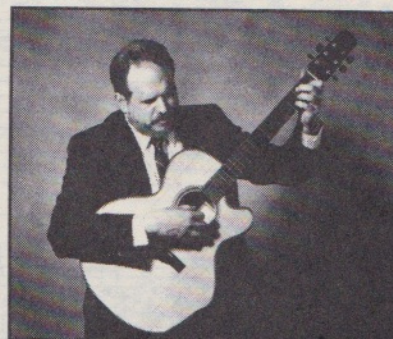
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w/Rhy. Fig. 2 (2 times)
D9(13)

sl. N.C. D9(13) A.H. sl. N.C.

sl. sl. semi-harm. A.H. sl. (w/Fuzz distortion) sl.

5-7 3-5 5-7 3-5-3 5-7 3-5-3 5-7 3-5

w/Rhy. Fig. 2 (8 times)
D9(13)

1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 N.C. P D9(13) P H 8va N.C.

rake 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

10-12-13-10 12-12 10-12-13 10-12-10 P 10 P H 15-14-17 12-12-12

*Gtr. & synth. arr. for one gtr.
D9(13)

loco H H 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 N.C. P P D9(13) P H

H H 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

10-12-13 10-12-12 10-12-13 10-12-10 P 10 P H 13-12-13-10 12-14 12

8va N.C. D9(13) N.C. 1/2 P P

Full trem. bar 2 1/2

15-14-17 10-12-13 10-12-12 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 10-12-13 10-12-10 1/2 P P 13-12

D9(13) N.C. 8va loco 1/2 D9(13) 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

P H 10-12-13-10 rake 3 15-14-17 1/2 sl. sl. H H 10-12-13 10-12-12 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

N.C. P P D9(13) P H Gtr. III N.C. sl. sl.

Harm. Gtr. II P P

10-12-13 10-12-10 13-12 10-12-13-10 10-12-13 15-14 17 (17) 15-16 14

12-12 P P

A musical score for guitar featuring two staves. The top staff uses standard notation with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and time signature of 6/4. It includes various articulations such as slurs (*sl.*) and accents (*f*). Above the first measure are labels "Gtr. III" and "*f*". Above the fifth measure is "(Gtr. II out)". Above the sixth measure is "Gtr. III". There are also half-note markings ($\frac{1}{2}$) above several measures. The bottom staff shows fret numbers (e.g., 15, 13, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 3) and fingerings (e.g., 16, 17). It includes dynamic markings like piano (*P*) and breath marks ($\sim$). A final slur (*sl.*) appears at the end of the piece.

Full

semi-harm.

Full

w/Riff B (2 times)

(A)

sl.

grad. bend

hold bend

Full

1/2

1/2 Full

Full

1/2

Full

5 3 5 5 3 2 0 3 (3) 0 2 3 2 2 3

5 3 5 3 5 3 5 3 5 7 5 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7

sl.

w/Fill 1
 F7
 N.C.(F) (G)
 D9(13)
 w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (4 times)
 Full 1/4 1/2
 Full p 1/4 1/2
 hold bend grad. bend
 sl.
 sl.

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. It includes a guitar part (top staff) and a piano part (bottom staff). The guitar part is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a complex melodic line with many slurs, ties, and dynamic markings such as *sl.* (sforzando), *p* (piano), and *sfz* (sforzando). Above the guitar staff, there are various chord symbols: C#7 D7, C#7D7, D9(13), and C#7 D7. The piano part is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a bass line with many slurs, ties, and dynamic markings such as *sl.* (sforzando), *p* (piano), and *sfz* (sforzando). Above the piano staff, there are various chord symbols: C#7 D7, C#7D7, D9(13), and C#7 D7. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The guitar part has 16 measures, and the piano part has 16 measures. The score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the guitar and a bass clef for the piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is written in a standard musical notation with notes, rests, and various musical symbols. The guitar part includes many slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The piano part includes many slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The guitar part has 16 measures, and the piano part has 16 measures. The score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the guitar and a bass clef for the piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is written in a standard musical notation with notes, rests, and various musical symbols.

Fill 1 (Gtr. I)

F7 N.C.(F#)(G)

1 1 1 1
2 2 2 2
1 1 1 1

1 2

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 (8 times)

D9(13)

Riff C

C#7D7 C#7D7 D9(13)

Gr. II

mf

10 12 13 10

10 12 13 10 12 10 13 12 10 13 12 13 10

3

rake - - - 4

Gr. III

mf

1/2 P 1/2 P 1/2

12 (12) 11 12 11 10 9

13 14 13 14 15

rake - 4

Sva - - - - - C#7 D7 C#7 D7 D9(13)

Full (end Riff C) H H

15 14 15

10 12 13 10 10

10 12 13 10 12 (12) 10 13 12

1/2 1/2 *sl.* 1/2 1/2 *sl.*

12 11 10 9 12 11 11 12 10 12 10 12

sl. H

D9(13) P H

Sva - - - - - C#7 D7 C#7 D7 D9(13)

10 13 12 13 10

15 14 17 (17) 15 16 14 10 12 13 10

12 12

1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

Full Full Full Full Full Full

12 12

A.H. (15ma) Full 1/2 Full

3

A.H. Full 1/2 Full

10 12 12 12 11 12

A.H. pitch: F#

C#7 D7 C#7 D7 D9(13) P H 8va C#7 D7 C#7 D7

10-12 13 10-12 10 13-12 10 13-12-13 10 10 11 15 14 17

1/2 Full 1/2 Full

grad. release Full 1/2 Full

(12) 7-9 7-5 7-9 7-5 12-10(10)-12 10-12

H H sl. sl. sl. sl.

D9(13) C#7 D7 C#7 D7 D9(13) 8va

13-15 12-14 13 13-15 12-14 15 14-12 15 14-12 12-13 16

8va 1/2 1/2 1/2 H 1/2 1/2 trem. bar

sl. sl. 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

10-11 10-11 10-10 10-10 12 16 19 10

H Guitar solo II N.C.(G7)

8va Full 1/2 Full 1/2 Fdbk. (21) (21)

17 17 21

H f 1/2 sl.

15-17 15-17 15 17-16-15 15 15-18 15-17 15-17 17-15

H sl.

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Outro

w/Rhy. Fig. 1 & Riff C (Both till fade)
D9(13)

Full P Full P Full P Full P Full P Full Full Full
P 5 7(7) 5 7(7) 5 7(7) 5 7(7) 5 7 7 7 7 5 7 5

w/Fill 2
N.C. sl. sl. sl.

14 5 6 7 5 6 4

C#7D7C#7D7 D9(13) P P sl. C#7 D7 C#7 D7 D9(13) 1/2

P P sl. P 1/2

12 12 (10) 10 11 12 11 12 11 12 (12) 10 9 12 10 9 9 12 10 10 10 8 (8)

C#7D7C#7D7 D9(13) P P sl. 2 1/2 C#7D7C#7D7 D9(13) 1/2

P.M. -- 4 3 3 1/2 1/2

P P sl. 2 1/2 1/2

15 15 13 15 13 14 14 14 14 18 (18) 12 10

C#7D7C#7D7 D9(13) A.H. (15ma) 1/2 sl. C#7 D7 C#7D7 D9(13) 1/2 P 1/2 sl.

sl. 3 1/2 1/2 p 1/2

A.H. 1/2 sl. 1/2 p 1/2

12 7 8 9 7 9 9 7 (7) 12 10 12 12 (12) 10 12 10 12

Begin fade sl. C#7 D7 C#7D7 D9(13) 1 1/2 C#7D7C#7D7 D9(13) Fade out 1/2

sl. 1 1/2 1/2

14 15 15 15 (15) 5 7 5 7 5 3 5

sl. H H sl.

Segue to "She's A Woman"
(omitted)

Fill 2 (Gtr. I)
N.C.

1 1 1 1 1 2 3



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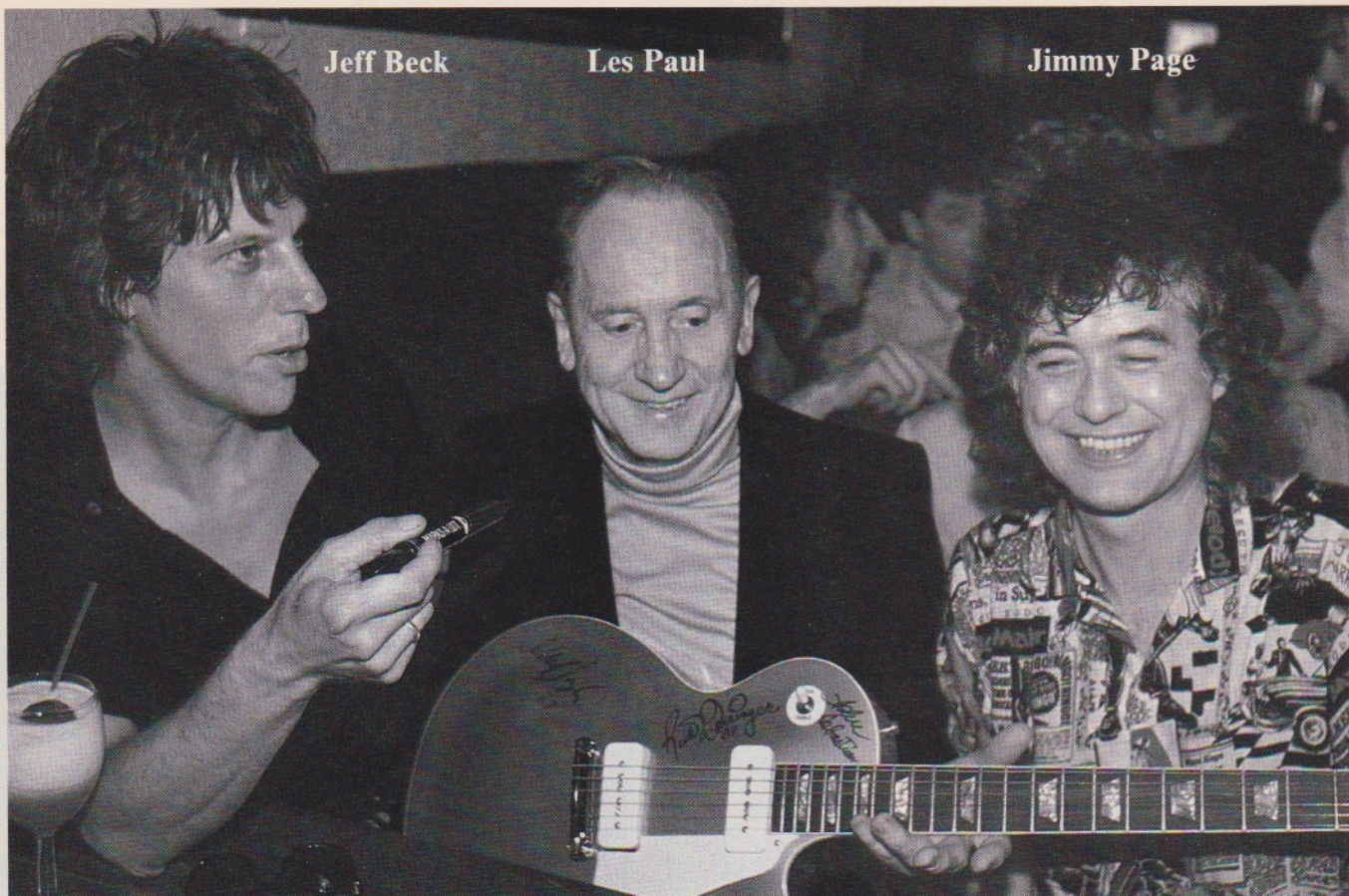
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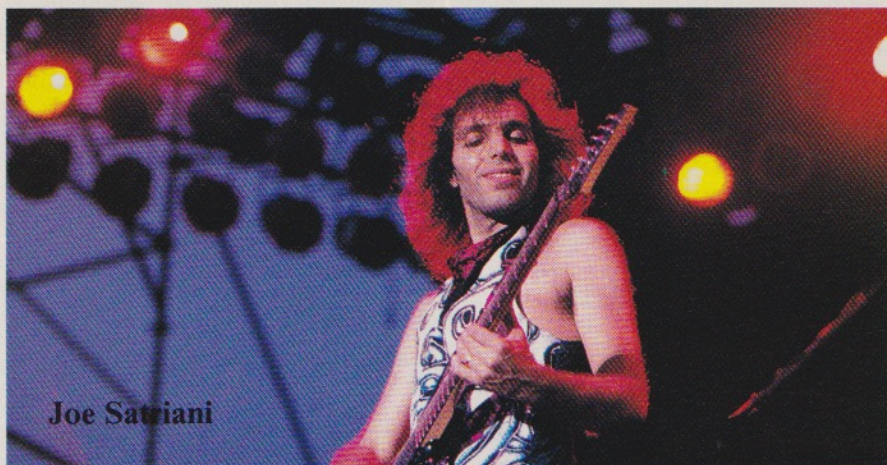
By the mid-80s, instrumental rock music had found a natural home within the genre of classical metal. Combining crossover elements of Euro-metal a la Blackmore, Schenker and Roth, with the precision and finesse of Bach figures and Paganini violin etudes, the modern rock virtuoso came of age in Yngwie J. Malmsteen, Tony MacAlpine and Vinnie Moore. Once again, the rock guitar instrumentalist was the man-of-the-hour. Without the similar commercial success of their vocal music counterparts, the true unsung heroes of the guitar underground, these players have become the source of six-string inspiration. The high-tech rock of Allan Holdsworth is the culmination of jazz/rock guitar, beyond fusion, but from fusion roots. With his

band, IOU, Allan achieved a sax voice and kept his audiences rapt with his harmonic sophistication, physical wide intervals and high velocity playing. Steve Vai combined Van Halen, fusion, Zappa, Zeppelin and Holdsworth to develop his own unmistakable modernism. Filling the shoes of Yngwie after Malmsteen's departure from Alcatraz, and Eddie Van Halen as David Lee Roth's current guitarist, Vai became the most visible guitar instrumentalist, in a commercial sense, and is considered by most as the precursor of modern space rock.

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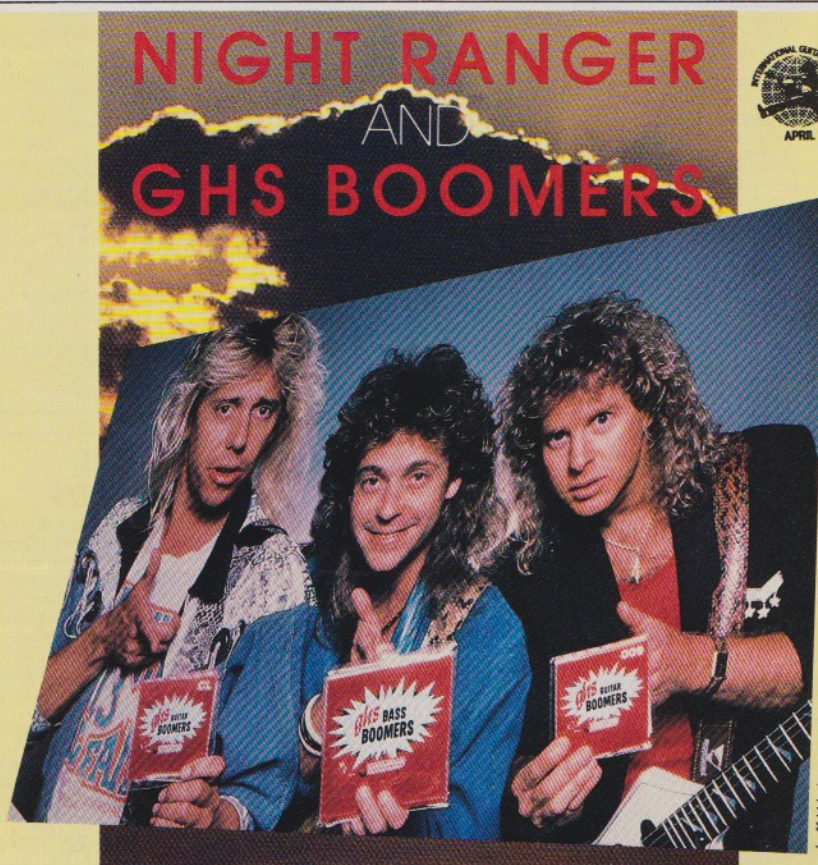
In addition to Vai, Roth also acquired the only artist who has set new standards for rock bass beyond Bogart and Bruce, Billy Sheehan. His mastery of the instrument is impeccably displayed in his Talas solo "NV 43345" (see GUITAR, February, '89). In forming his own band, Mr. Big, the post-Roth Sheehan has teamed up with another new guitar giant, Paul Gilbert. Gilbert is the natural step beyond neo-classical and hard rock, combining Yngwie and Van Halen. Check out "Frenzy" (GUITAR, April, '88), featuring incredible wide stretches, complex tap-ons and terrifying scale-arpeggio playing.

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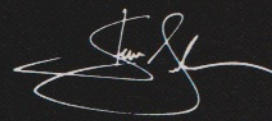
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FIRST LOVE

By Pete Prown

Until recently, there have been two Daryl Stuermer for guitar fans to hear. The pre-1978 version was a high-speed fusioner whose smoldering electric and acoustic guitar playing lit up the jazz-rock of Milwaukee's Sweetbottom and more notably, violinist Jean-Luc Ponty's group, with whom the guitarist recorded several well-received albums. But the post-1978 Daryl Stuermer was an entirely different and, indeed, entirely less conspicuous type of guitar hero. At the beginning of that year, a major career opportunity dropped into his lap: a touring gig with Genesis, filling in the guitar space left by Steve Hackett's departure (as well as sharing bass duties with member Mike Rutherford). In contrast to the incessant soloing and technical displays that marked Stuermer's early fusion work, the Genesis gig would eventually make the guitarist embrace a new, quieter guitar aesthetic, one that emphasized an orchestrated approach to playing and very little improvised soloing (much to the dismay of his Ponty-era fans).

Since then, Stuermer's fans have primarily had to catch Genesis on one of their infrequent tours to hear his crafted guitarman'ship, and then only when Daryl was allowed to really cut loose with a hot lead, like on the live version of "The Fountain of Salmacis" or Brand X's "And So to F." If that wasn't enough, one could pick up a solo album by Gen-

esis' resident superstar, Phil Collins, and sift through his sugary pop numbers for a brief snippet of Stuermer's guitar art. While everyone's probably heard his biggest break, the long chorused solo on Phil Collins' and Philip Bailey's 1984 hit, "Easy Lover," many probably didn't even know it was Daryl Stuermer. But such is the life of a sideman.

Now, however, there is a third side to Daryl Stuermer's guitar personality. Fortunately, to discover its true identity, one need not look much further than the guitarist's recently issued solo debut on GRP, appropriately titled *Steppin' Out*. This most recent leap in Stuermer's musical evolution finds him leading his quartet through a compelling, albeit tempered mixture of instrumental fusion, pop and rock ideas, establishing him as a serious composer and guitar stylist for the 1990s. After being a sideman for thirteen years, Daryl Stuermer feels his day of solo reckoning has finally arrived.

"I started thinking about doing a solo album about ten years ago, when I was finishing up my gig with Jean-Luc Ponty," says the Milwaukee-bred Stuermer. "I was looking for something different to play than Ponty's music and a solo disk seemed the way to go. But then the gig as Genesis' touring guitarist popped up at the beginning of 1978 and that put my solo career on hold for a long time. That's why the creation of *Steppin' Out* has really become a great

outlet for me. For the last ten years, I've essentially been a section player with Genesis. There isn't much room for improvisation, because their music is so orchestral and all the guitar and bass parts are pretty much mapped out in advance. As time goes on, I seem to be playing more bass with Genesis, too, especially on the newer stuff, so that's taking me away from the guitar a bit. Now I mostly play guitar on all the songs that Steve Hackett played on. Recording and touring with Phil Collins is almost like being able to record with Genesis and that takes care of another aspect of my musical personality. But with my solo project, I can now return to my first love, instrumental rock/fusion, which affords me plenty of opportunities to play my guitar and solo.

"I started giving serious thought to doing a solo disk after the *Invisible Touch* tour ended in 1987, because I knew I would have a long time off before my next gig with either Genesis or Phil Collins. So the tour ended in July and I went straight into the studio in August and September with bassist Lee Sklar, keyboardist Brad Cole and drummer Mark Torroll, to cut the record. This is before I even had a label lined up. But playing with Genesis and Collins affords me a little financial security, so I guess I could take a gamble on producing my own sessions. So I just went for it."

Since Stuermer's reputation is based on his refined guitarman'ship, it was

clear to him that his playing on *Steppin' Out* would have to be exciting, current, and flawlessly executed, to re-establish him in the hot guitar player vein he was cast in during the Ponty days, circa 1976-77. As such, he made sure the guitar work on the disk was always interesting to the ear, a factor that brought out such nuances as slide guitar and a uniquely heavy tremolo effect, to many of the catchy instrumental tunes contained on the record. "While my first priority was to put good, solid songs on the record, the next was to make sure the guitar playing was definitely *there*," continues Stuermer. "I did a lot of solos on the record, but the guitar melodies are the most important things. Hopefully,

both guitarists and non-guitarists will appreciate it. I think all-guitar albums can get boring; I like to hear melodies and music with atmosphere, not just a guitar lesson on vinyl. Still, I think there are plenty of examples of my chops on *Steppin' Out*, though I'm probably not as conscious of it now as when I was with Ponty. Back in the 70s, it was important to play fast a lot, but now I feel that has sort of faded away, at least for me. Now, if I start chopping heavily, it's because the speed is becoming a part of the song's natural energy, and my solo just sort of grows into something really fast. Sometimes when I listen back to something I've recorded, I can't believe how speedy it gets, because you're not pay-

ing attention to what's going on. I'm not consciously trying to play fast anymore, but sometimes you just surprise yourself. I guess younger players are hooked on fast guys like Yngwie Malmsteen, but it was the same in my day when everybody wanted to burn like John McLaughlin. I own a music store in Milwaukee—Daryl Stuermer Music Center—and when I walk in there, I hear everybody doing the Van Halen/Malmsteen/Satriani thing, and they're amazing, technically. But on the other hand, they all sound alike. No one's taking any time to put some individuality in their playing. I went to the NAMM show last year and with all the guitarists showing off their chops, it was like a thousand annoying bees buzzing around—it was totally non-musical. And rhythm guitar is really turning into a lost art. Metalers are either playing just power chords or no chords at all. But I think that will all change sometime. Hopefully, it will be soon."

Besides reclaiming the guitar whiz mantle that has been somewhat diminished during his tenure with Genesis, Stuermer has also gained some credibility as an instrumental pop composer. But his compositional side isn't a new adventure; in fact, he's been composing quite steadily for the last several years. "All during the time that I've been with Genesis, I've been writing songs and making demos," says Stuermer. "Some are in the vocal/pop tradition and some are pop-fusion. I'd occasionally play these demos for the guys in Genesis. In 1983, for example, I had this tune called 'F Song' that I played for Phil Collins and he really liked it. He said it could be a big instrumental hit. That song eventually wound up on Collins' *No Jacket Required* Lp in 1985 as the song 'I Don't Wanna Know.' Phil just added words and changed the chorus melody a little. Now that song is back on *Steppin' Out* in its original instrumental form. My new music isn't really straight fusion. It's more of a melodic, instrumental progressive rock that reflects the influences of all of my gigs from the past decade and a half: Jean-Luc Ponty, Genesis and Phil Collins. I specifically didn't want *Steppin' Out* to be a return to 70's fusion. By the end of that decade, jazz/rock had really turned into Fuzak elevator music and it got boring. But now I think there's a resurgence in instrumental music, a new energy. Lately I've been hearing good stuff from Joe Satriani, Eric Johnson, and also from collaborations between Lee Ritenour and keyboardist Dave Grusin, like the *Harlequin* album. My material doesn't sound like their stuff—it's about halfway between Satriani and Ritenour in terms of crunch versus melody."

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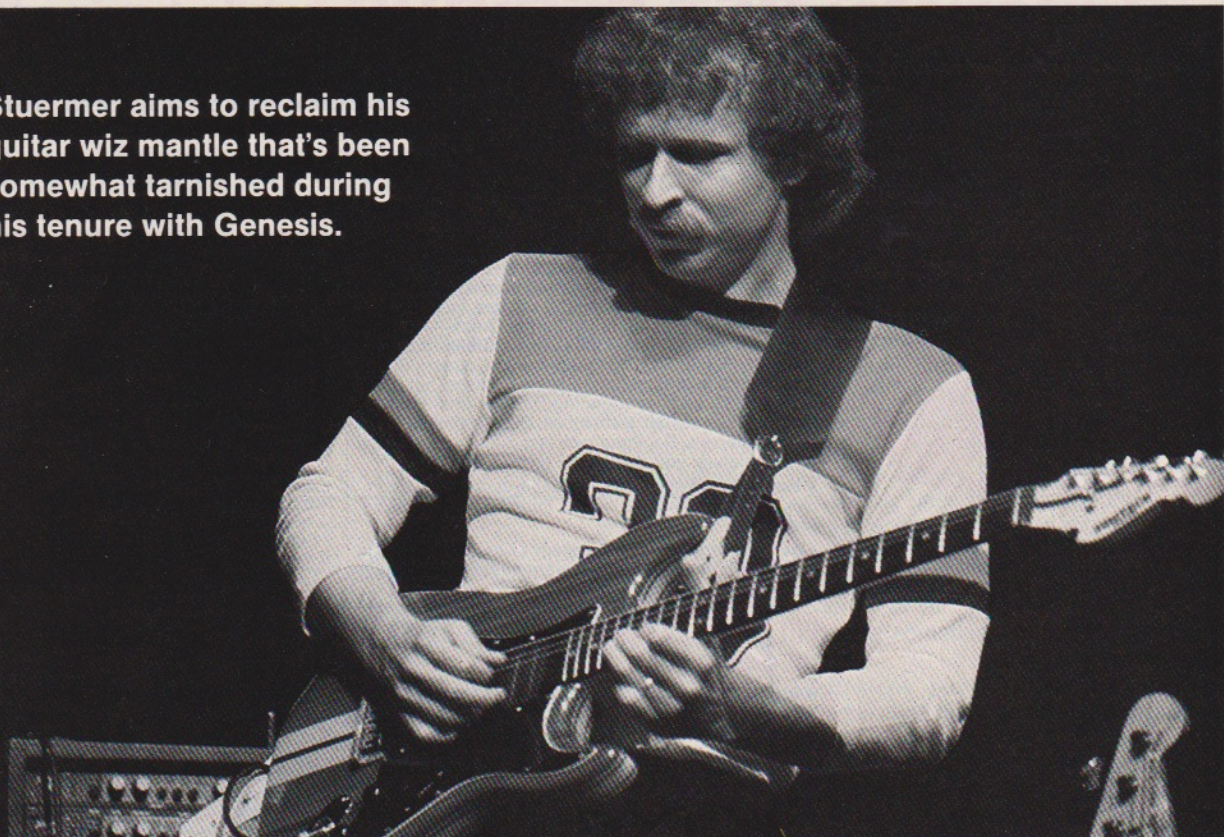
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Stuermer aims to reclaim his guitar wiz mantle that's been somewhat tarnished during his tenure with Genesis.

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To achieve that perfect balance between crunch and melody, Stuermer uses near state-of-the-art equipment that's a far cry from the old Suntec and Ibanez electrics and Sunn amps that marked his early days with Genesis. "For gear, I did all the leads on the record with my Steinberger TransTrem. I started using it on tour with Genesis in 1986 and I've been hooked ever since. You have to get used to its small size, but it sounds great, stays in tune better than any guitar I've had, and you can bring it on the plane with you. That may sound silly, but when you're touring all the time, it's a very handy feature for your axe. For rhythm, I used a Fender Stratocaster American Standard. I use the same amps live as in the studio: Seymour Duncans with 2-12" EV speakers and a Roland JC-120 for rhythm. The Roland is a very reliable clean amp. For effects, I use a Roland SDE-3000 delay and sometimes a little chorus from the board. I tried to stay away from drum machines and synth bass for the record because I didn't want it to become too sterile sounding. We cut all the rhythm section parts live with a scratch guitar and then went back and fixed the keyboards and rhythm guitar. I overdubbed the guitar leads and melodies last. I guess my favorite tracks on *Steppin' Out* for guitar are 'Venturing Out,' which has a cool, Police vibe, and a good second guitar part, and also 'I Don't Wanna Know,' 'Electric City' and

'20th Century Lady.'

"I'd like to tour with the album and maybe play some of the smaller theaters that I used to play with Jean-Luc Ponty," Stuermer says. "With Genesis and Collins, it's all coliseums and stadiums, so it would be nice to play some more intimate places again. But I guess I have to see how the record does before I make any tour plans. I also need to find a manager, because up until now I've only been involved in the music side of things. To put on a tour, you've got to know what's going on in the business side, too. In spring, I'm going to go into the studio with Phil Collins and then I'll tour with him again. Then I plan to do another solo album, this time maybe featuring some guitar synthesizer or acoustic guitar. I like guitar synths, but they still haven't come up with one that can be used with the player's own guitar, instead of a controller. I believe in the personality of one's own instrument. I don't want to use straight synth sounds and sound like everybody else. I like it best when the natural guitar sound is blended in with the synths, so you can retain your individuality while also expanding your own musical frontiers."

And expanding one's own frontiers is what *Steppin' Out* is all about. What's particularly interesting about Stuermer's debut is that it is, an instrumental album of guitar music that doesn't embrace the typical fusion/jam approach, but is really more akin to the sophisticated commer-

cial pop of this decade. The songs are well-crafted, the melodies are hummable and there's little to complain about in the guitar department either (unless you were especially hoping for some wild guitar melees a la Satriani or Vai). While it's easy to envision much of the music as TV theme songs with first-class guitar solos, that hardly detracts from *Steppin' Out*, because, from beginning to end, Stuermer's musical taste, maturity and wide-ranging experiences in pop 'n' roll and jazz make it a clear change from the run-of-the-mill guitar album, one that bodes a fine future for the guitarist's solo career.

"After being a sideman for so long, it feels great to finally start out on my own thing," Stuermer muses. "Of course, I'll always work with Genesis and Phil Collins. The financial rewards and public exposure are there, but more importantly, I still enjoy doing it. Plus, playing with them might bring some people through the door to hear my music, so that's good, too."

With thirteen years as a sideman, Daryl Stuermer obviously has gained enough seasoning and experience to know what it takes to survive as an instrumental guitar hero and artist. But judging by the polished guitar music contained in *Steppin' Out*, chances are that he'll continue to pursue his first love, the one you never forget. 

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and of course there's the delay and stuff like that on the solos. In the past I've doubled and tripled solos the whole way through. I write all my solos before I go into the studio; they're all down on a four-track. For this album, I did two solos for every song, using the four-track, so if I didn't like something when I got into the studio, I had other things to go to. There's only one song where I doubled the solo all the way through; for most of the other songs, I only overdubbed harmony parts. This time I did more *accenting*, where if there's an intricate kind of thing, I'd build on it, but if it's a feeling kind of thing, I didn't want to mess it up by doubling it. I could do it

almost exactly, but it's bigger and better if it's by itself. Usually I play the solo all the way through, or if it's an intricate kind of thing I will punch, maybe fifteen times if need be, to get it the way I like it. I could play it all the way through, but if I punch in I'll get it a lot cleaner. From album to album we've used different approaches. The first album was fast and bluesy, and I almost didn't know what to do with the music on *Fistful of Metal*. It was like, "Ok, I'll play fast!" On the next album I got into the Arabian kind of feel, but I was still into using fast pentatonic and blues scales and mixing them together. Then I started to think that maybe I should slow down more since the music was speeding up, which is an

idea a lot of people haven't gotten yet. For the third album I went totally Arabian and everyone was joking with me, with "A.D.I. (Arabian Douchebag Intro)" and all that, but that was the mode I was into. For this album, the lead breaks were very important to me, 'cause I wasn't that happy with some of the ones on the last album, and when we wrote the songs I took a great deal of time, making sure everything was right. If the song was based on 16ths, I would use quarter-notes in certain parts, but sometimes using a fast 16th-note figure with it felt good. I tried to structure it as perfectly as I could, rather than just *blasting* solos. I just can't take that anymore.

Something I enjoy about your solos is that they aren't one-dimensional, coming from just one level and one attitude. You combine emotion with technique so the solos don't sound too technical.

DAN: That's probably because my main influences come from people who don't give a shit. Joe Perry is my biggest influence. Jimmy Page. Tommy Bolin. Raw people who put it down on an album and are totally *original*, who sound like nobody else. They could fuck up on the album but they didn't care. If you go see them play live, they could play like a slob, but they are totally original and *emotional* and they're themselves. Those are the people I like. I don't like to hear perfection. If I want to hear perfection I'll put on a Jeff Beck album, 'cause that's the right one to listen to.

The great thing about Beck, and why he's influenced so many people, is that he not only plays with a lot of personality, when he wants to show off his chops, it's right there. I saw him in 1980 at the Palladium on the *There and Back* tour, and he played "Scatterbrain" flawlessly at a million miles an hour.

DAN: I was there! As a matter of fact, I met Simon Phillips backstage at that time and I was in awe! I'm a small guy; I haven't come across anybody in rock who's smaller than me yet. Rick Derringer, Dio—I met all the famous short guys. I know Angus Young is bigger than me. Simon Phillips is a *small dude*, and I was smaller and younger then, and when he came out and shook my hand it was like *vise grips*. And then I got a look at his sticks! Two sides of the stick are chewed up from the cymbal, and the other two sides are totally *smooth*, like Mr. Exacto! Oh man, that was an *amazing* show. Beck just stood there and ripped it up. Kids now are looking at Malmsteen and all these other guys, and I look at Jeff Beck and I think these kids should pick up a Jeff Beck album, 'cause he's where it all came from. Him and DiMeola. Out of all these new guys now, I would say that the only one who has a *clue* is Tony MacAlpine.

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He's doing what Beck did; it might be faster and a little more exact, but he's playing the melody lines and when it's time for the lead break he plays with feeling instead of just blasting at a million miles an hour.

Do you think the Yngwie school of chops-oriented playing has run its course?

DAN: It's blown itself out already. I don't think of myself as a technically great guitar player, I just like personality and style; that counts more to me. Not what you're wearing, but what it comes out like on the album. I think these guys have blown it out of proportion. It's stagnant now. Every month there's a new "chops" guy. If they could take what they do and make songs out of it, then I think they'd be going in the right direction.

So do you think there is a pervading attitude to get back to more gutsy, emotional guitar playing as opposed to the emphasis being on technique?

DAN: Definitely. A year ago I wouldn't have said that. If you sit down as a player and just concentrate on going fast up, fast back, fast up, fast back, for a year, and then go fast up, fast up, fast up and back, and do *that* for a year, then you'll be like everybody else. You'll be like these guys. It's not hard to do. Not to take anything away from these guys, 'cause when you watch them, technically, they're amazing. They're picture-perfect, which I hate.

With guys like Beck and Page, it's all attitude.

DAN: That's why I liked Tommy Bolin—*Come Taste the Band*, when he was with Deep Purple. It's amazing. I listened to his solo albums, and not only that, Glenn Hughes was singing with him. Joey (Belladonna) has three or four assorted Glenn Hughes tapes. He has the Hughes-Thrall stuff, which is great. The first major tour we did here was with Black Sabbath, with my brother Dave on bass and Glenn Hughes singing with Sabbath. One night in the beginning of the tour, me and Joey got Glenn to sit down and talk about Tommy, and information on Tommy Bolin was pretty rare, you know? I wish I could have seen him play live.

The first time I ever heard Tommy Bolin was on Billy Cobham's, Spectrum.

DAN: Oh man! Talk about one of the best albums of all time! You can't get that; it's out of print. You've got to understand, I'm 25 years old, and I not only grew up listening to the music that everybody else in this band grew up listening to, my brother is five years older than me and is a bass player, and with him in the next room, I grew up listening to Cream and Hendrix and all that stuff. I was never one of those people that

learned all the leads that one particular guy played, so what's in my brain is all mashed together.

What's your brother doing now?

DAN: He's playing with Chris Impellitteri. The video's on MTV and they're going on tour with Blue Oyster Cult.

Let's get back to the studio. What's your setup like, Scott?

SCOTT: Mine's quick. I have my same JCM 800 100-watt Marshall that I've been using for about three or four years now. It's got a great sound. I don't take it on the road anymore; I use a t.c. electronics Booster. I use two different guitars: an ESP Strat and my old Jackson V. That's got a great rhythm sound. On the road I use a bunch of different ESP Strats, one of which sounds better than all the others, for whatever reason. **Do you have a preference for jumbo frets, ebony boards, or anything like that?**

SCOTT: Truthfully, to me, it's just if it sounds good. I usually end up with an ebony board just because that's what I've been getting, so I guess I like it. I really don't know from much of any of

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that, I just know what I like when I hear something. Fat neck, thin, thick—it doesn't really matter to me. I can play on anything. Even a big, fat neck is all right for me, because I like grabbing onto it. I like to *feel* it when I'm playing it. I just care about the sound. If it sounds good, I don't care what I'm playing on. For amps, live I use two Marshall Jubilee series 100-watts, because it actually comes pretty close to the sound of my JCM, and I also have two 100-watt JCMs as spares. I tend to use the Jubilees.

You have no rack situation with delays or whatever?

SCOTT: No, I have a straight, clean sound.

DAN: Let's put it this way: you asked him about his guitars and he told you that he almost doesn't care or doesn't know. The main thing with Scott is his *sound*. He doesn't want anything to cut his cord, if you know what I mean.

You guys use cords as opposed to wireless systems?

SCOTT: I do.

DAN: I'm just starting to go wireless. **Do you hear a big difference?**

SCOTT: Yeah, I have. I don't really know if there's a difference or not—it might just be a psychological thing with me—but I don't want to deal with it. I'm happy with what I have and I don't want to change.

So do you use a little one-foot chord so you don't lose any signal?

SCOTT: Actually, in the studio I use Monster cable on everything, but on stage there's no way around it. I have a 75' cable, but in the studio the actual cable going into the amp was pretty short. I sat with the head in the control room so I was right next to it. The speaker cabinets have 80-watt Celestions in them and they get a really tight low-end crunch. There's none of that muddy, flubby sound, where it sounds like the speakers are crapping out, and none of that real grating high-end that hurts your ears. I don't know how I get it, but it's there.

That's one thing great about the sound of the record; the low-end is solid and has a lot of punch, as opposed to being muddy.

DAN: This is the first time you get a chance to hear what Scott's rhythm sound really sounds like.

SCOTT: There's no e.q.; it's just miked correctly.

What kind of mikes did you use?

SCOTT: We used all different mixes of SM58's and Senheisers. We put about 16 mikes on my four cabinets, and I walked around the room as I was playing and found all the spots in the room that I thought sounded good, and we miked all those spots. Then we listened to each mike and did a mix of them. One speaker usually ends up sounding better than all the others, and we'll use mostly the one mike on that speaker and just a little bit of the room sound. That ends up giving it that real "chunk."

How much doubling do you do on a rhythm track?

SCOTT: Depending on the song and the track, if something's really fast I'll just do left and right, because with any more than that it'll lose the tightness. With the alternate picking going so fast, if you do three or four tracks, you're not going to hear the pick attack anymore, and you've got to hear the attack on the string. On the slower and mid-tempo stuff, I'll usually do left, right and middle; I really scrutinize it when I'm doubling the tracks, so it'll sound like one guitar when it's done. That's my favorite thing. It's amazing. I've done a track in stereo so it automatically comes out left and

right, but there's just something better about actually playing it twice.

Tell me about your live set-up.

DAN: I use the same two Boogie heads that I use in the studio into the Simulclass, and that goes through a t.c. 2290 sampling digital delay. I also use a Yamaha SPX90, which is set to a program that I use for my basic sound in the studio. The t.c. I use for different delay times and for digital switching, whereas, for rhythm I have nothing on but a noise gate and e.q., and then when I go to a lead break, the t.c. enables me to turn off the noise gate and the rhythm e.q. and turn on whatever effects I'm using for that lead, like the SPX90, whatever t.c. effect I choose, and my lead e.q. Now I've gotten something new from Boogie called a Midi-Matrix, which is one step beyond what Bob Bradshaw is doing for everybody in L.A. This is not out yet; they've made about ten of 'em. In the studio this enables me to use one head that sounds good for rhythm and one head that just destroys for lead, and I like that same sound coming out of all four cabinets live on stage, so with this I can switch from my rhythm head with the rhythm effects to the lead head with those effects, with one footswitch. I think there's 700 MIDI banks in it. All your MIDI effects, your preamps and power amps

plug into it, and you can use the same power amp for whatever preamp you're using. I use mostly the ADA preamp for clean stuff. Like the t.c., it's silent switching—what comes into it comes out of it. You don't lose any signal. I also use some direct input stuff that goes directly to the board, so if the hall sounds lousy, we put some Rockman on it coming out of the P.A. The soundman mixes the signals in my monitors and in the hall, so it's consistent each night.

How many different sounds do you use in a night?

DAN: I have two basic sounds and for the leads I have different delay times programmed depending on the tune. Also, I've been using a cord up until this point because I haven't found a wireless that I like. Then I found out that Van Halen and Steve Harris use the Sony, so I just got it this week, but I haven't tried it yet. If they use it, it's got to be the best.

How do you get ready to tour?

DAN: We'll have four days of stage rehearsal; one tech day and three days just foolin' around. We never rehearse, whether it's new songs or not. We'll book a week of rehearsal before a tour, and when we get there the first day, we'll get to the third or fourth song and everybody's playing in different keys, and I'll play the "Medusa" solo over "Out of Sight, out of Mind," and it's just a

big joke from then on and we cancel the rest of the time. We've been together so long that we don't worry about it.

On the new album, on the song, "Make Me Laugh," there's a little part in the intro that reminds me of the Batman theme.

DAN: I can't believe you got that.

SCOTT: It's the same chromatic structure of the the actual Batman riff. It seems like music can be as influenced by TV and movie themes as it is by traditional heavy metal.

SCOTT: I have all the soundtracks written by Ennio Morricone—about twelve of them. He did all the Clint Eastwood spaghetti westerns, like, *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*; he did *The Untouchables*. He's the king of movie soundtracks and he writes some real heavy orchestral stuff. I just like the sound. If I played some of those riffs on guitar it would sound *amazing*. It's great to hear somebody working with an orchestra and coming up with these heavy, heavy pieces.

It seems like anything that can be boiled down to a riff on guitar can be an influence.

DAN: Anything. Cartoons have some of the heaviest riffs ever written. The old Warner Brothers stuff is incredible. The chase scenes are amazing.

SCOTT: *Anything* can be heavy. ➔



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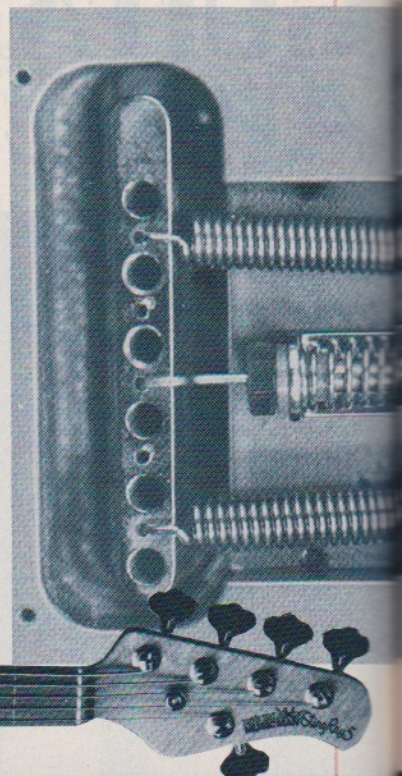
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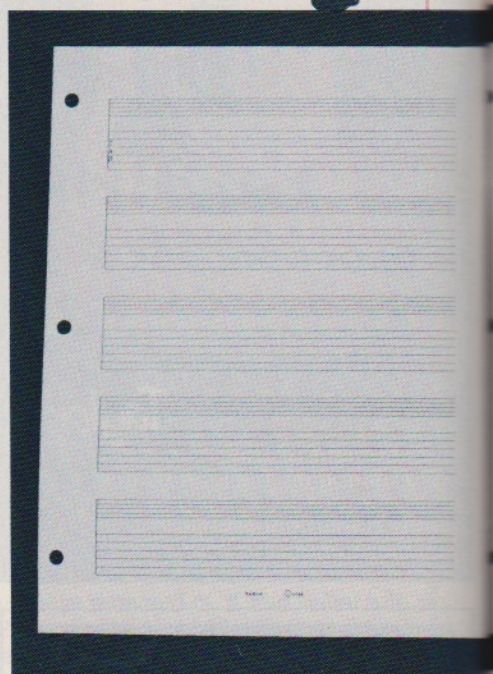
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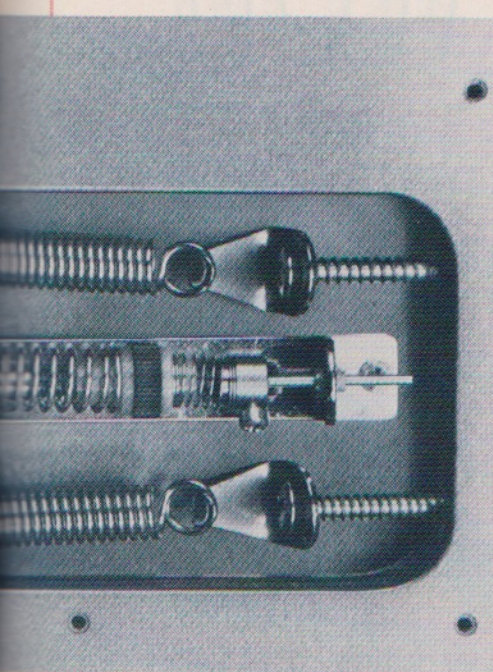


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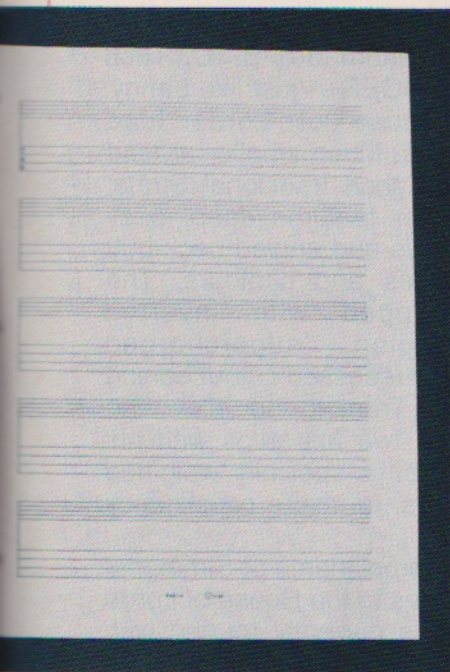




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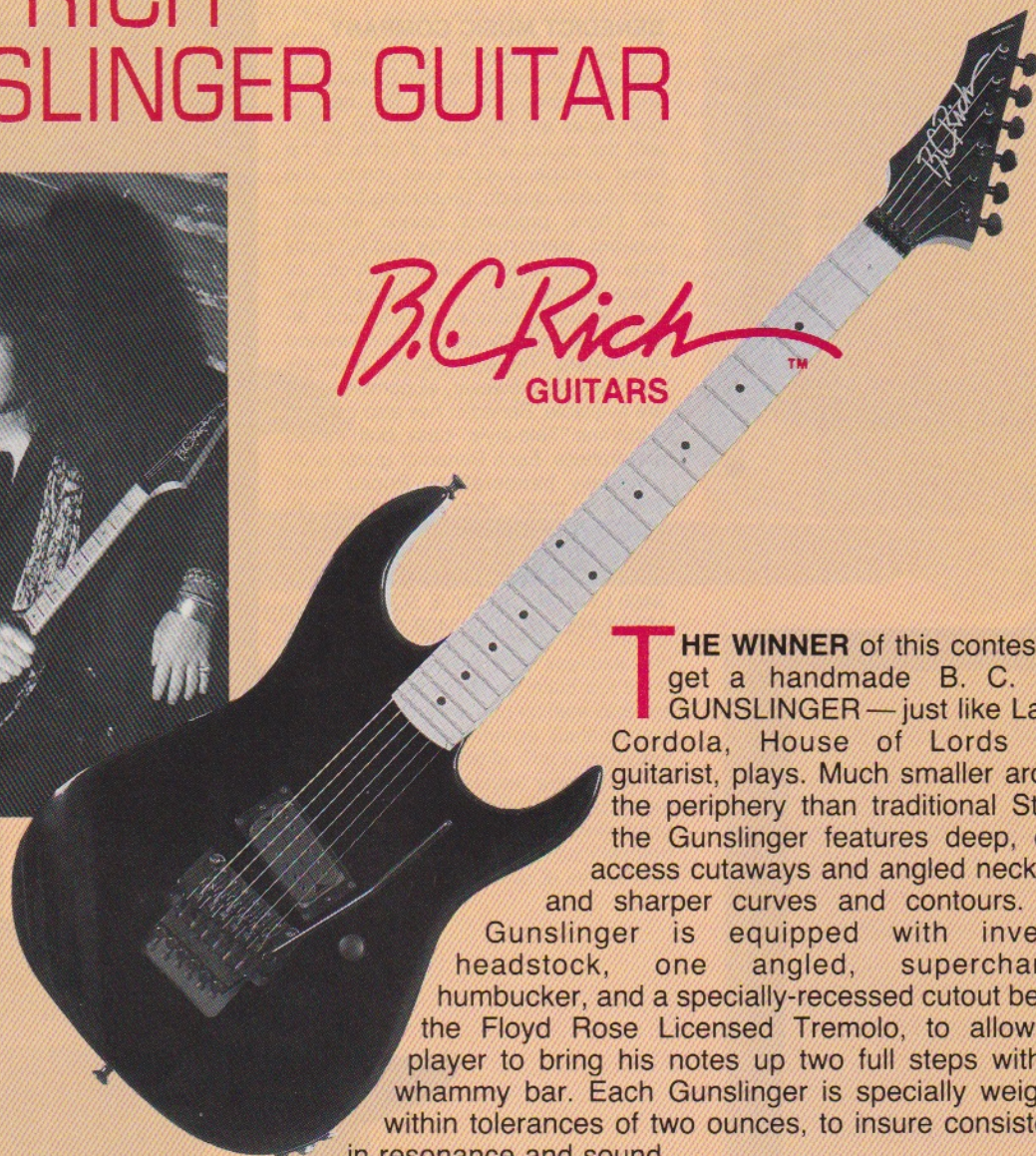
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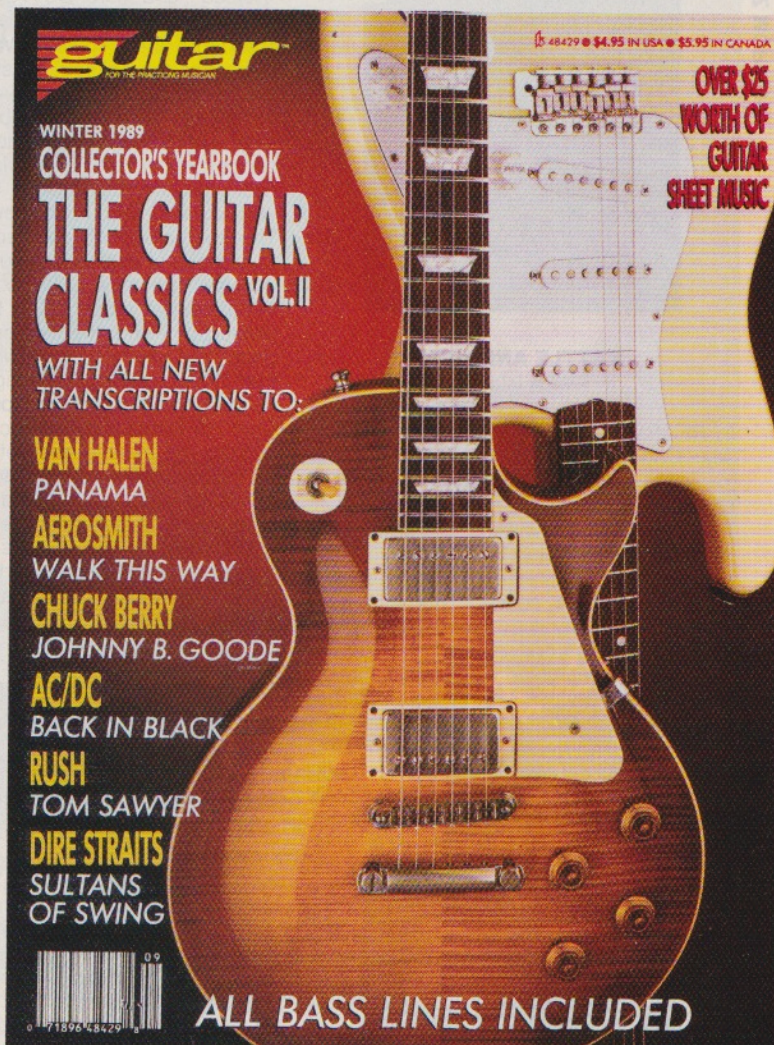
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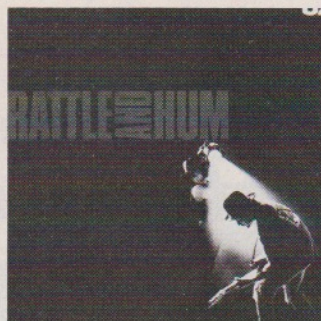
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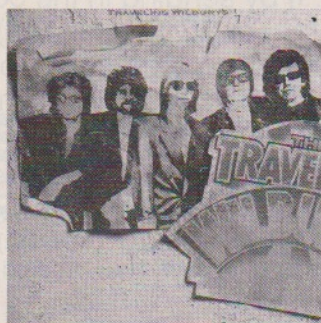
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THE VINYL SCORE



RATTLE AND HUM
U2 ■ Island

PERFORMANCE: Self-possessed and searching; **HOT SPOTS:** "When Love Comes to Town," "Hawkmoon 269," "Silver and Gold;" **BOTTOM LINE:** To each his own. It's a soundtrack, a new album, a 60's tribute, a concept album. Jeez, it's a confused jumble. *Rattle and Hum*, the two-record accompaniment to U2's concert film, has been chewed up and praised, been labelled perverse, portentous and the best live rock album ever. Its searching megalomania aside, what about the music? *Rattle and Hum* has moments of power in several of the live performances, notably the anti-apartheid song, "Silver and Gold" and the gripping "Bullet the Blue Sky." B.B. King's guest shot literally raises the album out of its muddled meandering. "When Love Comes to Town" is an energized peak, with King's vocal growling and biting guitar a pointed release. (That his guitar solo is so welcome a break from the Edge's droning makes one wonder what a lead guitar could add to the band's tense tales). The eight new studio cuts are unfolded in the band's characteristically steely wrangling, sweeping to peaks with the addition of strings, choirs and guests, but together mix the memorable with the derivative. Everybody can find highlights, everyone will have disappointments. The result is an extremely varied set of surroundsound Edgerattling and Bono-exhorting that leaves the band looking for a new place to land.



VOLUME ONE
The Traveling Wilburies ■ Wilbury/Warner Brothers

PERFORMANCE: Spirited and strummy; **HOT SPOTS:** "Dirty World," "End of the Line,"

"Rattled," and more; **BOTTOM LINE:** A jovial jam of genuine pop icons that works.

The debut of the Traveling Wilburies not only unleashes the spirited, folksy rock of a nomadic quintet of pop gurus—it succeeds like few supergroup gatherings before it. *Volume One* isn't simply a collection of individual songs by Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, George Harrison, the late Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne, with assistance from whomever was around. This is an album of group songs, presented by a group of vocalists in a unified style, with a richly strumming guitar sound that bears the distinctive imprint of Jeff Lynne's ELO-ish production. And the impression is that a good time was had by all, with nothing more than that intended. The songs hop from the head-bobbing pop of Harrison's "Handle with Care" to Lynne's rolling rockabilly on "Rattled" to the swirling ache of a Roy Orbison ballad and some spunky, jaunty Dylan tales that both snap bitterly and poke fun with glee. None of the Wilbury's have sounded better lately, and the music's jangly propulsiveness appears to have particularly inspired Dylan. *Volume One* shows a unique musical heritage together in a single persona.



REACH FOR THE SKY
Ratt ■ Atlantic

PERFORMANCE: Grating; **HOT SPOTS:** "I Want to Love You Tonight;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Only minor redemption in the Ratt pack. Thank God for Warren DeMartini. Without his spiraling, laser-beam runs of energy guitar, *Reach for the Sky* would contain few redeeming qualities. What connects in Ratt's music is hard to discern, so loud, grating and dull is it. *Sky* is supposed to reveal a new level of Ratt sophistication, but aside from some sound effects and several copped pop bridges inserted in its mono-volumed scream rock, little is new. Stephen Pearcy's bark-and-gag vocals only remotely resemble singing—seldom does he actually carry a tune, so that on many songs no tune is present. The mix, as on *Dancing Undercover*, blurs the instrumental lines in its harsh scrawl and wall of drums, so that even DeMartini's shimmering-glory guitar is often lost. Everything is indistinct, making the total sound even more so. Still, once past Pearcy's predictable "me man, you girl" lyrics, DeMartini takes off on madly dancing solos so full of life and style they stand out like white on black. His raspy, sawtoothed sound may be the defining ele-

ment of Ratt rock, but it's not enough to get this album far off the ground.



MONEY FOR NOTHING
Dire Straits ■ Warner Brothers

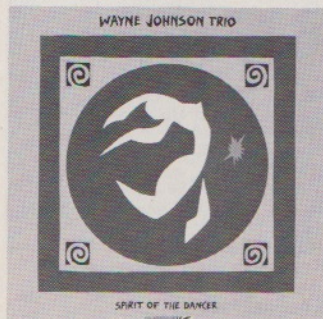
PERFORMANCE: Same as before; **HOT SPOTS:** "Private Investigations," and "Romeo and Juliet;" **BOTTOM LINE:** Oddly arranged but telling collection.

With the demise of Dire Straits comes this "greatest hits" package, timed for Christmas past and out barely a heartbeat after Mark Knopfler's announcement of their dissolution. While the band made few "hits" over its eight years, its albums connected solidly with Knopfler's expansive, easy rock that combined his Dylanesque vocals, literate short stories, and sinuous blues-based guitar ramblings. On *Money for Nothing*, the band's change from puckish British rockers to creators of elegant sound scenes is revealed, but the odd arrangement of tunes leaves it for the listener to unravel. Each Dire Straits album is represented, the live *Alchemy* by a previously unreleased and unremarkable version of "Portobello Belle," but chronology is neglected. Hence, the orchestral creep of 1980's "Romeo and Juliet," with Knopfler's nudging National steel guitar, comes just before the stiff "Where Do You Think You're Going" from 1979, an unflattering contrast. Missing too are the long Dire Straits rambles that were decidedly non-hit material but most characteristic of Knopfler's musical conception. Still, despite being top-heavy toward *Brothers in Arms*, *Money for Nothing* carries the Dire Straits message.

SPIRIT OF THE DANCER
Wayne Johnson Trio ■ MCA/Zebra

PERFORMANCE: Open and airy; **HOT SPOTS:** "Thirty Minutes from Masada," "Gentle Giants" and "Mr. Soaky;" **BOTTOM LINE:** An overdue guitar breeze from Johnson. Wayne Johnson has a split personality. He's spent fourteen years backing the Manhattan Transfer to pay the bills, and eleven years using his trio as a creative outlet. *Spirit of the Dancer* is the Johnson Trio's fourth album, but first in three years, and continues to feature Johnson's amiable writing and playing styles, unwrapping comfortable but winding melodies with his lithe, floating touch. Tunes like the title cut frolic in their own intricacies, turning back into themselves and binding,

then using Johnson's guitar to break free. The music is fresh and organic, recorded with careful attention to dynamics and spatiality and evolving naturally out of the spirited interplay of the trio that includes Jimmy Johnson on bass and drummer Bill Berg. Wayne Johnson uses the guitar synth with flair to add a flute-like lead to several appealing melodies, and does justice to Keith Jarrett's beautiful "My Song," with acoustic guitar and



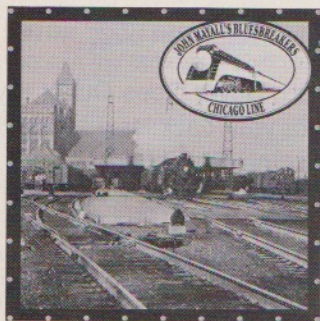
a light, latin beat. *Spirit of the Dancer* isn't really fusion, nor is it strictly jazz. It's musical exuberance played with sensitivity by three top West Coast session players.

CHICAGO LINE

John Mayall's Bluesbreakers ■ Island

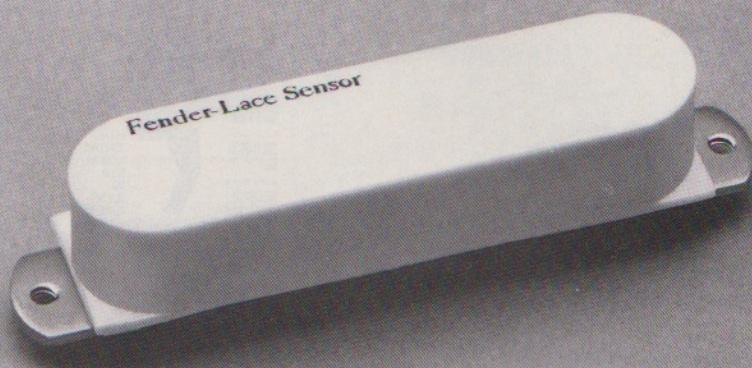
PERFORMANCE: Relaxed and unadulterated; HOT SPOTS: "Gimme One More Day," and "Tears Came Rollin' Down;" BOTTOM LINE: Solid if unenergetic blues.

John Mayall has been professing the blues for twenty-five years, and his Bluesbreakers have been the training ground for such rock figures as Mick Taylor, Peter Green, Eric Clapton and Mick Fleetwood. The latest edition of the harpist/keyboardman/singer's band has been together five years, and *Chicago Line* reveals them to be a solid, groovin' quintet whose greatest weakness is the inability to get their workmanlike music over the energetic hump. The album has a relaxed,



jamming feel, with Mayall's standard-form blues settling into persistent rhythms that allow guitarists Walter Trout and Coco Montoya plenty of room to move. Each gets his mojo working in separate but equal parts, with Trout cutting a buzzing, building solo on the mean crawl of "One Life to Live," both running through the rocker "The Last Time" and Montoya shining brightest during his slow scamping behind Mayall on "Tears Came

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Rollin' Down." *Chicago Line*, though, has an uninteresting tendency to be blues by the book, with a rock solid but un inventive rhythm section staying rigidly uninvolved. This straightforward vamping makes *Chicago Line* a great album for those who like to play along, but marginal for those who like to listen.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Vengeance ■ Columbia

PERFORMANCE: Sassy; HOT SPOTS: "Code of Honour" and "Hear Me Out;" BOTTOM LINE: A Dutch rock treat.

From the land of Golden Earring and leaky dikes comes the crisp, cackling guitar carousing of Vengeance, a cocky Dutch quintet whose 1987 album, *Take It or Leave It*, has just washed up on our shores. For those about to party, we suggest Vengeance, because *Take It or Leave It* is brimming with strutting good-times hard rock that exists for one reason only—to make you get up and scream. The Vengeance noise is made fun by a loud, crisp mix that brings everything out front and tosses in playful sound effects and choral dressings that keep even the more mundane tunes a-hopping. The twin guitars of Arjen Lucassen and Peter Verschuuren combine to build a ballsy crunch of sound made heavier still by the band's throttling rhythm section. Topped by Leon Goewie's impressive vocal work and state-of-the-art production, the album is one lively noise toy. At its best, Vengeance succeeds



with a 'Ruder is better' philosophy on the juvenile delinquent prowl of "Code of Honour" and the bossy blast "Hear Me Out."

IN THE SPIRIT OF THINGS

Kansas ■ MCA

PERFORMANCE: Richly appointed; HOT SPOTS: "House on Fire," "The Preacher" and "T.O. Witcher;" BOTTOM LINE: A ghostly, musical Kansas saga.

From the plains comes a tale of an actual ghost town, rendered in song and less controlled melodies by Kansas, long purveyors of progressive excess. *In the Spirit of Things* is more centered on melodies and less demanding chunks of art-rock, though no less ornate or orchestral, than Kansas of the past. Part of the album's less pompous, more accessible nature can be traced to the theme, the ghost town and its demise. While unat-

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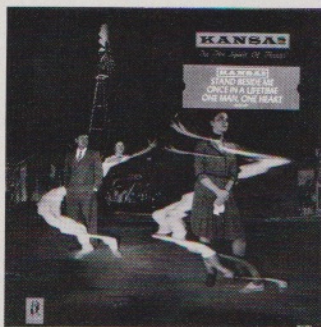
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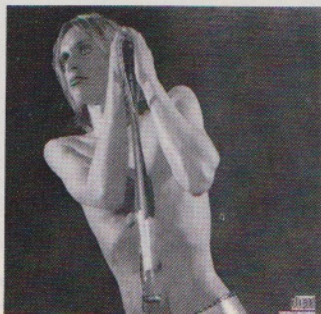
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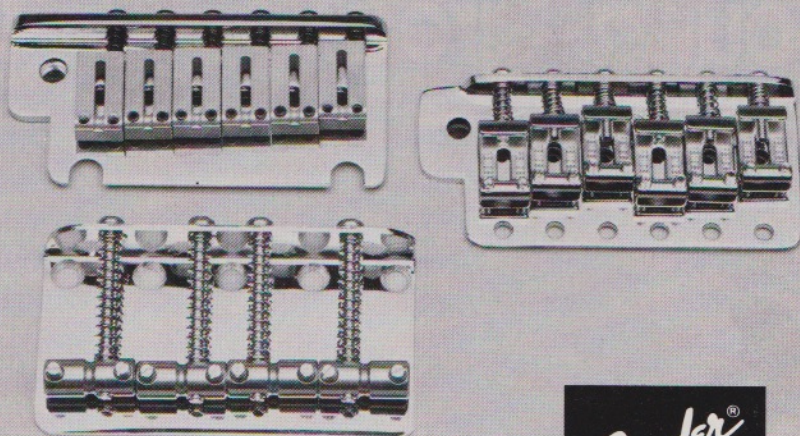


RAW POWER

Iggy and the Stooges ■ Columbia

No one will ever accuse Iggy Pop of being one of rock's great singers, still it's hard to deny the influence he's had on the punk era and even the slam and thrash rock prevalent today. Iggy, a.k.a. James Osterberg, crash-landed on the rock scene at the end of the 60s, with music as loud, abrasive and uncontrolled as any in rock, and with a manic energy and ranting, barking vocal style that instantly made him one of rock's most bizarre characters. Fighting a battle with heroin addiction in the early days, Pop put out a series of records with his Stooges, full of raw, full-volume guitar and hypnotic power vamps that were true to his Detroit roots and evoked pure love/hate feelings in all who heard it. The band's first two albums were more noise than anything, but 1973's *Raw Power* saw Pop beginning a long period under David Bowie's guidance, and its eight tracks rock with a pure, primal spirit.

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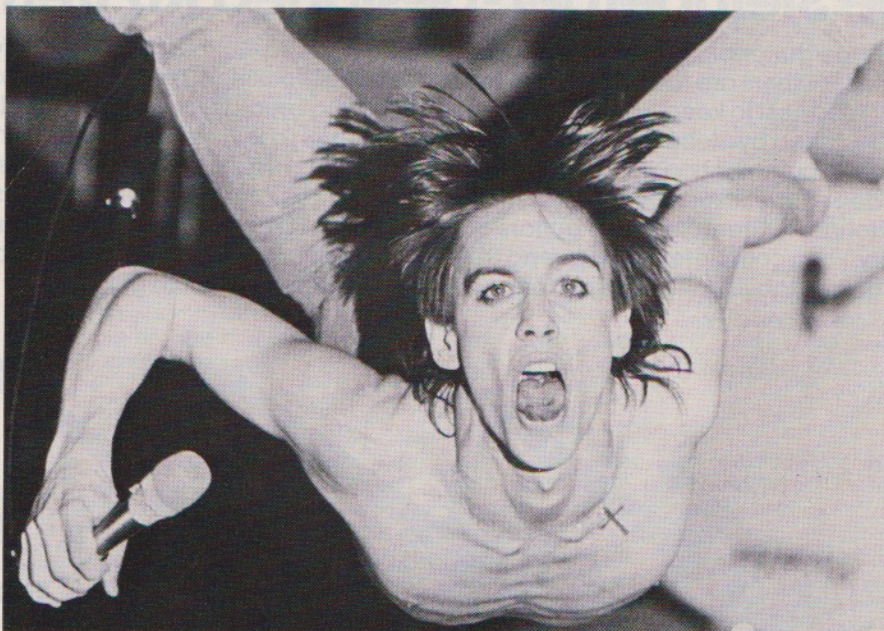


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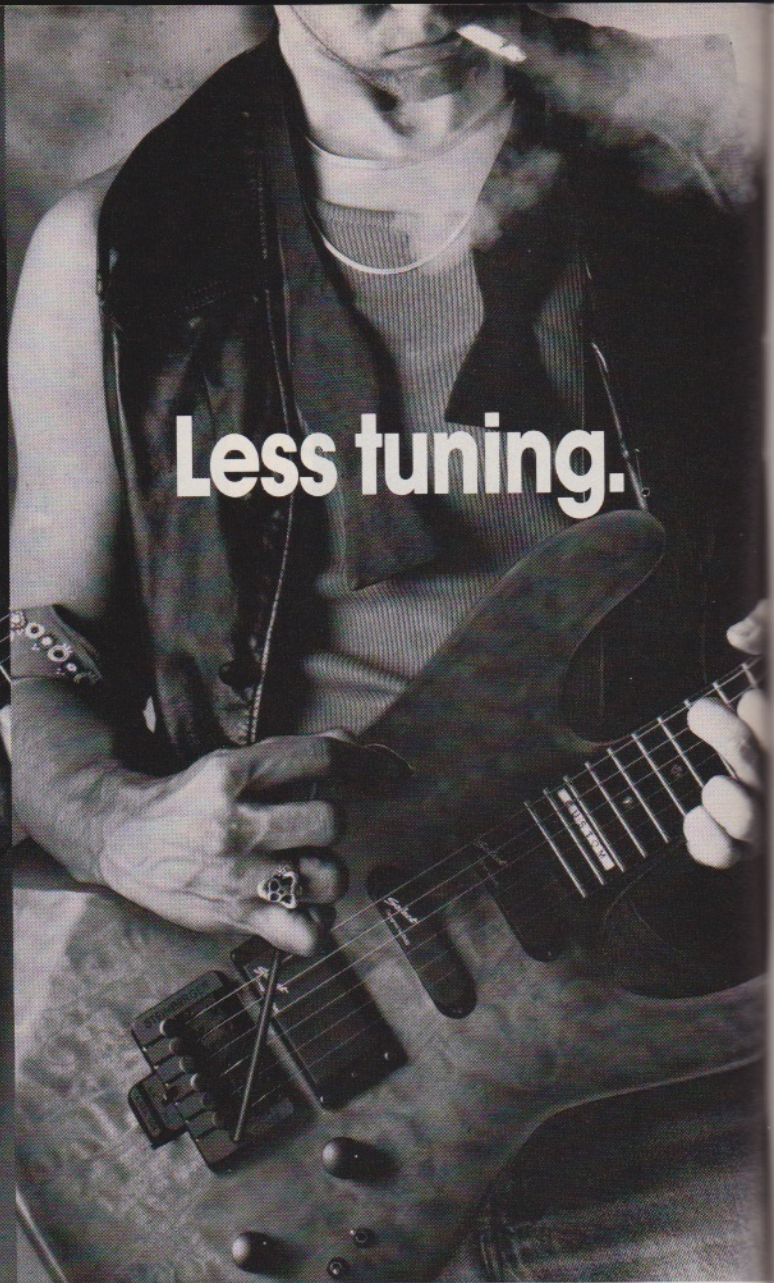
"Raw Power" he rattles and slams with the same reckless abandon that often marked Iggy's live performances. This was punk before anyone knew what it was, snarling rock with titles like "Search and Destroy" and "Gimme Danger," as lacking in subtleties as it is full of the naked spirit of rock 'n' roll. For those swept up by thrash or still bashing with the Sex Pistols, check out Iggy and the Stooges for the roots of *Raw Power*.



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Dave McClave
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Guitarist into rock, jazz and blues needs some info on music schools. At present I am a music major in junior college and am planning to attend G.I.T. or some similar music school next fall. I would really appreciate information, advice, or opinions from any current or former student at G.I.T., Berklee, Grove, Juilliard, or any comparable school.

Barry Davis
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WHO IS BLUES?

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on the dull gray walls.
I see my electric guitar
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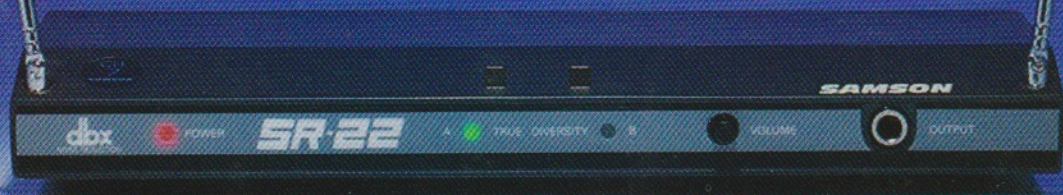
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